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Ousted dictator's Tontons Macoute murder voters

Haiti election halted after poll massacre

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

The Haitian general election was called off yesterday as loyalists of ex-President Jean Claude Duvalier turned it into a bloodbath reminiscent of the heyday of the old regime.

Roving gangs of the former Tontons Macoute, the outsted dictator's disbanded private militia, some of them in the uniform of the regular Army, massacred at least 30 people as they queued to vote.

Foreign newsmen covering the event were also attacked: one was killed and two seriously wounded.

Within hours, polling stations were deserted, streets empty, and the airport closed as Mr Pierre Shavet, an official of the independent Electoral Council, said: "The elections are cancelled."

Soon after dawn, carloads of gunmen were unleashed into the streets of the capital, scattering lines of people waiting for polling stations to open, and sending newsmen gathered outside a hotel diving for cover.

A mob of more than 50 burst into a school, shooting and hacking to death parents and children. At least 10 died, though several witnesses counted at least 20 bodies, some of them disembowelled by machete strokes.

The attackers later returned to the scene and shot two members of an American TV crew. In separate incidents, a Dominican photographer was shot dead and an American photographer was shot in the stomach at point blank range despite his pleas for mercy.

Washington — Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, blamed Duvalier supporters for forcing the postponement of Haiti's elections (Reuter reports). "So far as we know this is violence caused by the supporters of the deposed dictator Duvalier," he said.

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Another mob attacked a second school, killing seven voters and wounding others. Four died and seven were injured at a third polling station.

Electoral offices were ransacked and burned and thousands of ballot papers destroyed. Several blocks from a burned out petrol station, the body of a young man lay in a pool of blood, his back peppered with bullet holes.

Although voting had begun at a number of points around the city, by 9am most people had fled to their homes. Ambulances and lorryloads of soldiers sped through the streets, although the Army appeared to be doing little to prevent the carnage.

Similar scenes were reported in the provinces. Reporters who reached the northern city of Gonaives watched polling begin, but saw residents fleeing to their homes after shooting started.

It was the same story at L'Estere at the heart of the Artibonite Valley farming region. Residents contacted by telephone in Cap Haitien, Haiti's second city, said voting there had also been abandoned.

The elections for a President and a legislative assembly were to have been the country's first attempt in 30 years to vote into office a government of its choice.

Violence aimed at sabotaging the process had built steadily since the independently-appointed Electoral Council struck from the ballot 12 candidates closely linked with the exiled dictator. Thirty people died during the final week of campaigning.

It was already clear by election eve on Saturday night that the terror campaign had succeeded in seriously undermining the vote. The electoral council said Duvalierist roadblocks, attacks on vehicles transporting ballot papers and attempts on the lives of electoral officials had prevented voting materials reaching polling places in a fifth of the countryside.

By noon here yesterday there had still been no official statement from the three-man military junta which has ruled Haiti during the 21 months since Duvalier and his family fled the country into exile in France after a popular uprising.

Nor was there any statement from American officials here. The United States had bank-rolled the democratic process with $7 million (£4 million) in aid. Canada, France and had also contributed help.

Radio Metropole said that the Electoral Council was asking polling stations to close until further notice.

The radio station said that its reporters counted at least 21 corpses lying in the streets after bands of men swarmed through the streets of Port-au-Prince. Marauders firebombed and shot at five of the country's seven leading radio stations, putting them off the air, it said.

The Hospital of the University of the State of Haiti was so inundated with wounded it has asked all off-duty staff to report immediately, according to the radio.

● WASHINGTON: Members of Haiti's Electoral Council were huddled in their headquarters in Port-au-Prince in fear of their lives from marauding death squads, a journalist on the scene said yesterday (AFP reports).

Miss Lucia Newman, interviewed in the Haitian capital by the US Cable News Network, said an announcment by Lieutenant General Henri Namphy, head of the National Governing Council was widely expected to declare martial law and impose a media blackout.

Miss Newman said she had seen at least 20 people dead. She said members of a US observer team had been fired on, including Mr Robert White, a former US Ambassador to El Salvador.

She said no one was safe from the death squads which opened fire at will on anybody and anything in the streets.

A Haitian policeman leaving the Nationale Argentine Bellegarde School, which was being used as a polling station in Port-au-Prince yesterday when gunmen massacred 14 people.

Break in Paris-Iran envoy saga

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Wahid Gordji, a translator at the Iranian Embassy in Paris wanted for questioning in connection with terrorist bombings, left the blockaded building yesterday to appear before a French magistrate, was questioned and then freed, the authorities said.

At the same time reports from Tehran said that M Paul Torri, the French consul, was brought before a special tribunal to answer unspecified charges, and was also likely to go free.

The simultaneous moves led to immediate speculation that it all was part of a deal resulting from the negotiations that led to the release of two French hostages in Lebanon in Friday.

The state prosecutor in Paris, M Michel Raynaud, said in a statement that no charges were filed against Mr Gordji and that he was allowed to go free.

Informed French sources said Mr Gordji was likely to leave France almost immediately after his decision to answer the summons by the French authorities

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Dollar worries

Foreign exchange markets are expected to maintain upward pressure on sterling, which on Friday rose above $1.80, causing fresh problems for British exchange rate policy.. Page 25

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Golden handshakes given to dismissed British executives can be worth as much as £1 million, but sums paid in the United States are even greater .... Page 25

Portfolio

● There were eight winners in The Times Portfolio Gold competitions on Saturday. Three readers shared the weekly prize of £8,000 and five shared the daily prize of £12,000 – treble the usual amount because there were no winners on the previous two days. Details, page 3.
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British Steel sell-off likely within a year

By Edward Townsend and Nicholas Wood

The Government is expected to announce this week that the profitable British Steel Corporation, once the most disabled of lame ducks, could be privatized as early as next November.

An announcement is likely in the Commons on Thursday after Sir Robert Scholey, the BSC chairman, unveils half-year profits of about £200 million, confirming that the corporation is the most profitable steel company in Europe and indicating that its sale could raise up to £1,000 million.

Ministers led by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, are expected to meet this week to complete details of the statement to MPs and to decide on the timetable for denationalization before Thursday's Cabinet meeting gives the final go-ahead.

With the debate over the proposed privatization of the electricity and water industries becoming increasingly acrimonious and their timing uncertain, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has argued that the prime 1988-89 privatization slot should go to steel.

Sir Robert, who has presided over the BSC's first two years of profits after 10 years of big losses, told the Government in the summer he would be delighted if he could prepare for the sale immediately or by 1990 at the latest.

Ministers also accept Sir Robert's view that the corporation should be sold as an entity so that it can retain the economies of scale he believes are necessary to continue to combat world competition.

The BSC's total net profits for 1987 seem certain to exceed £300 million after the £178 million recorded last year and £38 million the previous year, and it is now free of government subsidy.

The BSC picture has altered remarkably in recent years. In the eight years up to 1984-85, the corporation made combined losses of £5.7 billion and had been an albatross around the Treasury's neck as well as a big source of job losses. Last year, the BSC workforce was down to 52,000, a fall of 50 per cent since 1980.

Meanwhile, productivity has improved dramatically from 14.5 man-hours a tonne of liquid steel in 1980 to 5.6 man-hours a tonne last year.

And despite widespread overcapacity in Europe, the corporation continues to make and sell more steel, and its exports are buoyant.

It was also confirmed yesterday that Mr Clarke is drawing up proposals for the privatization of Girobank, the banking subsidiary of the Post Office, but no decisions have been taken on the precise timing.

Pakistan adds fuel to umpire controversy

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Lahore

England's cricket team and management were in a war of words with Pakistan yesterday over the umpiring decisions which, England claim, contributed much to their defeat by an innings and 87 runs in the first Test match.

The insinuation by Peter Lush, the England manager, that the Pakistan umpires were cheating was followed by an accusation by Mike Gatting, the captain, that nine of the 20 wickets his side had lost were because of bad decisions.

Pakistan then announced the umpires for the second Test without submitting their names for consideration by England. Both umpires have been involved in controversies with touring sides, and one of them, Shakoor Rana, was in dispute with Gatting during a one-day international two weeks ago.

England have surrendered their moral ground. For bad as it was, it was not the umpiring that sent England to defeat so much as Pakistan's vastly superior cricket.

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Korean flight mystery

116 on board missing jet

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

A Korean Airlines aircraft with 116 passengers and crew on board was reported missing over Burma yesterday, with no warning of technical failure or bad weather along its flight path.

The fate of the Boeing 707, which was on a scheduled flight from Baghdad to Seoul via Abu Dhabi and Bangkok, remained a mystery late last night, almost 12 hours after its last radio contact with the control tower in Rangoon.

The prolonged disappearance of the aircraft seemed to rule out an initial theory that it had been hijacked, raising speculation that it may have exploded in mid-air.

Airline officials said the jet's last reported altitude would have given the pilot ample time to warn of any emergency.

The privately-owned airline usually recruits its captains from among Korean Air Force officers who have had years of intensive training.

Korean Airlines' regional manager in Abu Dhabi said the aircraft had left there in sound mechanical condition.

Airlines are anxiously awaiting a clear indication of what caused the weekend crash of a South African Airways Boeing 747 off Mauritius, killing 160 people (Harvey Elliott writes). They fear that the cause may not prove to be, as at first thought, a fire, but some structural failure. Experts said a fire, however severe, would be unlikely to cause a 747 simply to fall out of the sky.

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Rangoon reported last contact with the aircraft at 0501 GMT, and Bangkok control tower said it never received any communication from the pilot.

The 96 passengers yesterday included Mr Kang Suk Jae, the Korean Consul-General in Baghdad, and his wife.

At least two children were also known to have been on board.

About 300 distraught relatives and friends who had been waiting for the flight at Seoul's Kimpo airport were scanning passenger lists posted in a terminal lounge last night.

Korean Airlines' relatively good safety record was marred by a disastrous incident in 1983, when Soviet fighters shot down an aircraft flying from Alaska to Seoul over the Soviet island of Sakhalin. All 269 people on board were killed.

In 1978, two passengers on a Korean Airlines flight were killed by mid-air firing from Soviet interceptors, which then forced the aircraft to land at Murmansk.

Bishop of Durham takes on the Tories again

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins, is set for fresh confrontation with the Conservative Party over an article in a Labour Party magazine in which he claims that capitalism has had its day.

Ministers and Tory backbenchers are already at daggers drawn with the Church, which they see as generally hostile to the Government, and the appearance of Dr Jenkins' latest remarks in an official Opposition publication is likely to trigger more mutual antagonism.

Mr John Gummer, a Tory minister and member of the General Synod, yesterday accused Dr Jenkins of "cloaking with religious authority his personal political opinions".

He was saddened that "people who are comfortably off fail to notice that the wealth of nations is dependent on capitalism". All over the world Marxism was in retreat "and capitalism is fulfilling the needs of people and feeding them".

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The article is the text of an unreported speech entitled *Common Wealth and Common Ownership* which will appear with Dr Jenkins' knowledge in the December edition of the *New Socialist magazine*.

In it he calls for a new "commonwealth" from which all can benefit instead of a capitalist system whose "time is running out".

He argues that the world's economic system cannot sustain the growth necessary to feed capitalism and that its social systems will not sustain indefinitely a doctrine involving "the exclusion of large minorities of the West and majorities in the Third World from effectively participating in the market cash nexus".

In northern countries there was chronic unemployment and inflation, and elsewhere absolute poverty among 800 million people. In Britain "we have what looks like developing towards a situation in which 25-30 per cent are flourishing, something like 40-45 per cent are in between, thinking they've got a good chance, and something like 30 per cent are frozen out completely".

The bishop said the world was now a single, highly unstable financial system in which it was "increasingly unclear what is the connection between making money and producing wealth.

"You can apparently make money out of money but it is not clear whether this has anything to do with sustainable wealth on the ground which is actually feeding people or helping people to flourish, other than those who make the money".

Mrs Thatcher had changed politics. "The one thing people do not want to go back on is the capacity to make more money and so to consume more. And this is what is motiviating our politics and programmes."

Nurses to back doctors in pay plea to No 10

By Jill Sherman, Robert Matthews and Nicholas Wood

The Government today faces a two-pronged demand for action on pay incentives to combat the chronic shortage of specialist nursing staff in Britain's hospitals.

Leading heart specialists from each of the country's nine centres for children's heart surgery have jointly written to the Prime Minister asking for "a bold and imaginative approach" to tackle the problem, saying that action is needed urgently to stem the loss of the nurses.

The Royal College of Nursing will today back up the consultants by its claim for extra pay for specialist nurses in its submission to the Nurses and Midwives Pay Review Body.

It was a shortage of intensive care nurses at the Children's Hospital in Birmingham which led to the repeated cancellation of a life-saving operation on David Barber, aged seven weeks. He was operated on last week.

According to Dr Elliot Shinebourne, a consultant paediatric cardiologist at the Brompton Hospital and one of the signatories to the letter to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, "what happened in Birmingham last week with the David Barber case is happening in all our centres most of the time. At the Brompton we have seen children have their operations cancelled two or three times. Guy's Hospital, Leeds and Birmingham have a much more serious problem."

The doctors had decided to write directly to the Prime Minister after several meetings with the Department of Health and Social Security which had failed to secure any action.

However, Dr Shinebourne said that the need was for more flexibility in the use of the centres' budgets, rather than extra public cash: "Funding is not the problem. We do have nurses who are extremely skilled but receive no extra money for these qualifications. The only way the nurses can get more money is to go into nursing administration."

An intensive care unit nurse with considerable experience earns about £6 an hour. Dr Shinebourne said that, in contrast, nurses can earn £8-£9 an hour doing extra shifts in private hospitals.

Dr Eric Silove, a consultant paediatric cardiologist at the Birmingham Children's Hospital who signed the letter, said yesterday that the specialists were concerned that the financial strictures were, far from saving money, actually leading to inefficient use of hospital resources.

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"It would clearly be much more cost effective for all the beds in intensive care to be fully staffed so the work can go though".

In its evidence to be presented today to the Nurses and Midwives Pay Review Body, the RCN says recent studies show that the shortages in some hospitals in London amount to one in four nursing posts being vacant.

Most of the vacancies lie in specialties such as theatre nurses, intensive care unit nurses and neo-natal staff.

The college emphasizes that at the moment nurses who have three years' training as a registered general nurse are paid exactly the same as those who go on to take a further year's training as a registered sick children's nurse.

A nurse who then decides to

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Sheffield to stage student games

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Sheffield is to stage the 1991 World Student Games, the biggest sports meeting outside the Olympics. It is the first time Britain has staged the event, which will cost at least £100 million.

The 29 members of the executive committee of the International Sports Federation (FISU) voted in favour of Sheffield at a meeting in the city on Saturday. More than 7,000 competitors from more than 100 countries are expected to compete.

The timing of the decision was unexpected because it had been anticipated that FISU would delay its final decision until the next meeting of the executive in Algiers next year. However, there was no other candidate for the event, which was first held in 1959.

Mr Ray Gridley, director of Sheffield's bid for the games, said yesterday: "We were hopeful that we would get the decision this weekend but we weren't really expecting it. We are absolutely delighted."

Mr Clive Betts, leader of of the local council, told the committee: "The longer you give us to prepare for the Games the better job we will do for you. We hope to stage the best-ever Games here."

Sheffield has already spent £300,000 on the bid, much of which came from local busi-

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Inquiry into tear gas at match

The Government is to hold a full inquiry into the incident at Saturday's Hibernian versus Celtic football match at Edinburgh in which more than 100 people were injured after a tear gas grenade was hurled into the crowd.

Thousands of spectators flooded on to the pitch at the Easter Road stadium, some clutching their throats, vomiting and in a state of collapse.

Police said 45 were treated in hospital and five were kept overnight at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; 14 police officers were affected by the fumes, one was treated in hospital.

Chief Supt William Blair said last night that the grenade was a type used for military training and police were trying to trace its source.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, said: "I shall be calling for a full report. Behaviour of this nature is both stupid and dangerous.

The match had to be stopped for 18 minutes while police and ambulance men helped the injured. The Scottish Football Association is to hold its own investigation."

'Crusade' over trees

National Tree Week, which began at the weekend, takes on a new significance this year because of the violent storm which devastated southern England.

The week is organized by the Tree Council, whose chairman, Major General Tony Richardson, describes it as the start of a crusade to recreate the landscape for future generations. He said yesterday that the aim was to plant at least 500,000 trees this week. An estimated 15 million trees were lost on the night of October 15/16, the worst affected counties being Sussex, Kent and Suffolk.

Soldier loses arm

A soldier badly wounded in an IRA rocket attack has lost an arm. He is a member of the Royal Welch Fusiliers who came under fire from home-made missiles while on checkpoint duty at Glassdrummond, near Crossmaglen, South Armagh, on Saturday.

The soldier is also being treated for injuries to his other hand and he was said last night to be very seriously ill. Three missiles were fired from a launcher hidden under bales of hay on a trailer hitched to a tractor. Another soldier was hurt but not badly.

Food-makers' levy

A levy on food manufacturers to promote exports and reduce imports is understood to be under consideration.

Mr Walter Goldsmith, chairman of the marketing organization, Food from Britain, has told Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, that he needs £30 million a year to compete with France and West Germany.

The organization was established five years ago with an initial commitment of £14 million from the Government and has struggled for support from within the industry.

The Government expects Food From Britain to be self-supporting after 1992, by which time it will have provided £21 million.

Bings for US today

Sir Rudolf Bing, the conductor, and his wife will return to New York today on the orders of the United States Supreme Court.

Sir Rudolf, aged 85, and his wife, aged 47, have been in Leeds for seven months. Members of the Bing family are attempting to have the marriage annulled.

Lady Bing said the Supreme Court had ordered the seizure of £67,800 of her £130,000 estate for defying a ruling that Sir Rudolf should return to the US. If they remained in England, the rest of her estate would be forfeited, she said.

Homes delay protest

A staff shortage at the Government's Land Registry means many new houses are standing empty, even though buyers are ready to move in, according to a Conservative MP.

Mr John Hoddle, chairman of the Conservative parliamentary environment committee, intends to raise the issue in the Commons today. He says delays are adding up to £3,000 to the cost of a new home as builders who have borrowed money for new developments pass on extra interest payments to the buyer.

Wrong hall gets roof

A Nottinghamshire village hall has gained a new £600 roof free of charge after local roofers mistook the building for a similar one two miles down the road.

The men had been instructed to work on the hall in Bunny but ended up in neighbouring Costock instead, a mistake easily made as both halls are converted nineteenth century schools and look much the same. Costock parish councillors are refusing to pay for the roof they didn't want.

Whitehall planners threaten investment in coal

By Tim Jones

British Coal's entire investment strategy is being threatened by Government-appointed inspectors who are increasingly blocking the corporation's efforts to sustain its profitable open cast mining operation.

The situation is increasingly worrying British Coal which must next year break even without government deficit grants which last year totalled £288 million.

The corporation believes the environmentalist lobby has too much power and that unless the Government is more sympathetic to the problem, its plans for big investment in Britain's deep mines will be jeopardized.

At present those plans, which allow for investment of more than £1,500 million, are being held back until the National Union of Mineworkers agrees to change its working practices so that expensive equipment can be worked for six days a week.

Open cast mining is one of the most successful industries in Britain. Last year, it produced and sold 10.9 million tonnes, producing income of £500 million and profits of £200 million. Those profits are vital to the corporation's strategy of investing in superpits such as the proposed £80 million new mine in Margan, South Wales.

Mr Ray Proctor, managing director of the corporation's open cast executive, said: "These profits are absolutely fundamental to keeping deep mines going. Now that profit is under terrible threat."

The crisis has arisen because the corporation has to apply to local authorities for permission to begin an open cast mining operation.

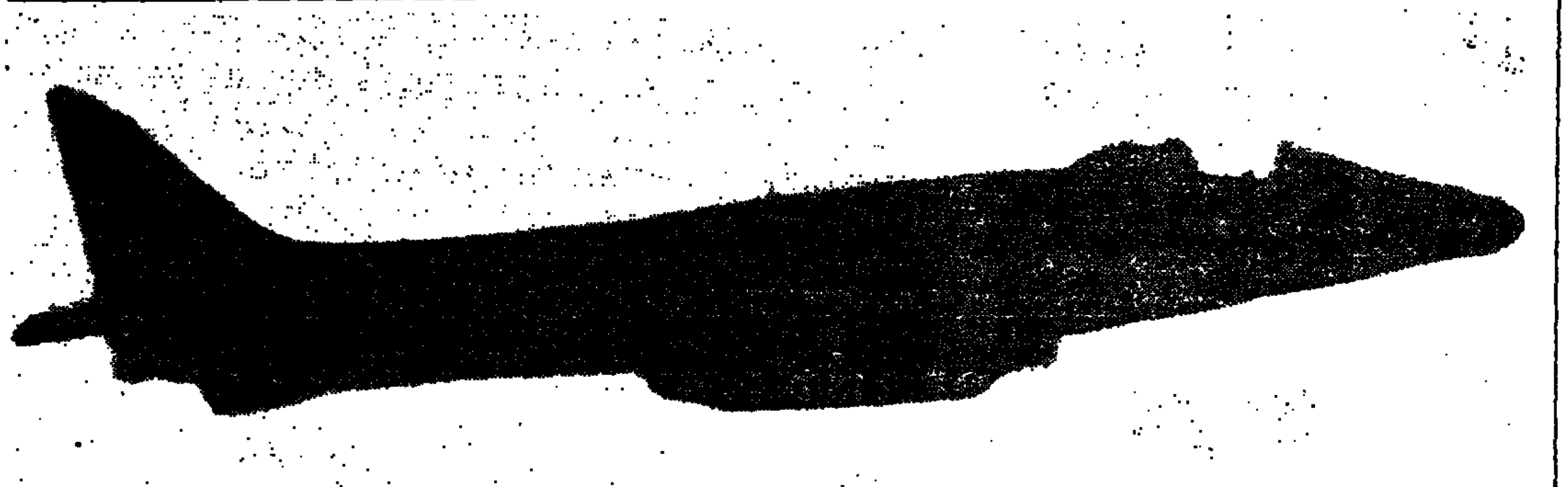
Until 1984 it applied to the Secretary of State for Energy and between 1973 and 1981 only five of its 144 applications were refused.

But the corporation is being confronted with almost automatic refusal and those decisions are being upheld by public inquiry inspectors appointed by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr Proctor said 88 per cent of applications were being rejected and of the past 10 inquiries. British Coal has won three.

Mr Proctor said that to maintain the industry, British Coal needed 12 new sites a year. "Most open cast sites are worked on derelict land and after about five years we leave them in much better condition. We have created wildlife parks, nature reserves, marinas and housing developments. We are very conscious of our responsibilities."

British Coal believes that some applications are opposed by local authorities because of the residue of bitterness from the miners strike, in spite of the fact that most developments bring work to areas of high unemployment.



This is the last picture of the Harrier which flew without a pilot for more than 800 miles before plunging into the sea. It was taken by the captain of an American Galaxy aircraft which followed the jet as it flew across southern England after the pilot had been mysteriously sucked out of the cockpit.

Thatcher hopes to cut Russian forces in Eastern Europe

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Prime Minister is expected to tell the Soviet Leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, at the Brize Norton "mini-summit" on December 7 of Europe's growing concern over the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional forces.

The treaty on eliminating all intermediate range nuclear forces (INF) is due to be signed in Washington the next day and there is optimism that a framework will be drawn up for cutting the super powers' strategic arsenals by a half.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is anxious to switch attention from nuclear to conventional forces.

She will be meeting Mr Gorbachov for three hours at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire before he flys to Washington for the summit with President Reagan.

Mrs Thatcher will reaffirm her view that once agreement has been reached to reduce long range nuclear weapons by a half, every effort should be made to cut the Soviet conventional and chemical forces.

Western governments have been expecting for some time for Mr Gorbachov to announce a unilateral move to withdraw several army divisions from Eastern Europe. He may even give a hint of this to Mrs Thatcher at Brize Norton.

However, Whitehall sources were doubtful yesterday that the Russians were ready to make a genuinely significant reduction in troops.

They said that withdrawals of three or four divisions of Soviet soldiers occurred fairly regularly when the front line troops were changed over. But they were always replaced

The Soviet Union also had such a "density" of troops in Eastern Europe — many more than they could deploy in time of war — that a reduction of several divisions would have little significance.

The sources said that Mr Gorbachov appeared to be so concerned that the INF treaty should be signed, that he was unlikely to make any significant new gesture at this stage.

What worries Mrs Thatcher's military advisers is that while the Warsaw Pact can afford to be generous in conventional force cuts, Nato is already stretched.

"Our problem is that if Gorbachov offers to negotiate substantial cuts, we will have to offer something in return". one official said yesterday.

During her meeting with Mr Gorbachov, however. Mrs Thatcher will empahsize that conventional force cuts must be top of the agenda.

Sources said that she was not linking an agreement on conventional and chemical forces to the current negotiations on reducing strategic weapons by a half.

But she wanted to underline her view that any further cuts should be ruled out unless there were significant cuts in troops.

Mrs Thatcher is also likely to impress on Mr Gorbachov the need to withdraw Soviet troops from Afghanistan, a move that would have more influence on the West than some token withdrawal of forces from Eastern Europe.

Shadow over new Harrier's future

By Our Defence Correspondent

The mystery of the Harrier GR5 jet which flew for 800 miles without a pilot before ditching into the sea last month continues to cast a shadow over the plane's future.

The RAF has ordered 62 of the new Harriers at a total cost of £2.1 billion, and more than 20 are now being built by British Aerospace.

But yesterday as the first picture of the pilotless Harrier was published, it was confirmed that none of the planes will be handed over to the RAF until the accident has been explained.

A Ministry of Defence board of inquiry has been examining a 63-minute video film of the plane's last journey, taken by the crew of a US Air Force Galaxy transport aircraft which was called in to follow the Harrier after ground control had failed to communicate with the pilot.

The Harrier GR5, which costs up to £15 million, is being built on a 50-50 basis with the American McDonnell Douglas Corporation. It is already flying successfully with the US Marine Corps. The American version and the GR5, which is to replace the GR3 ground attack Harrier, are both powered by a Rolls-Royce Pegasus engine.

The board of inquiry is concentrating on the ejector seat equipment, since it is clear that the plane was flying perfectly during its pilotless 800 mile journey before falling into the Atlantic 500 miles off Land's End.

As the photograph shows, the seat, made by the British company Martin-Baker, was still in the Harrier. The pilot, Mr Taylor Scott, aged 40, who was testing the plane for British Aerospace, was sucked out through a hole in the canopy. His parachute was shredded in the process and he fell 30,000 ft to his death.

The board of inquiry has had to investigate the accident without any real evidence. The plane lies 12,000ft at the bottom of the sea and last week a civilian vessel, using underwater mini-submarines equipped with cameras, returned to port after a fruitless two-week search.

The RAF has so far taken over two GR5s which are based at Wittering in Lincolnshire. One is being used for engineering training and ground staff.

British Aerospace said yesterday that production of the plane had not been affected.

Scargill rival to attack on pay

By Tim Jones

As Mr Arthur Scargill prepares today to fly to Brussels to spell out his vision for the future of coal. Mr John Walsh will be sitting in the Four Ferrets public house in Castleford, West Yorkshire, explaining why he believes the industry would be better off without his rival.

Mr Walsh, who has emerged as the only candidate against Mr Scargill in the ballot to determine who will be the next president of the National Union of Mineworkers, is expected today to launch a detailed criticism of the leadership style of the man who has held the post for the past six years.

In particular, Mr Walsh is expected to attack Mr Scargill for his failure to negotiate an important wage deal since he was elected. In each year since he became "King Coal" in 1981, Mr Scargill's members have had wage rises imposed on them.

Mr Walsh, the union's agent in north Yorkshire, believes the 100,000 NUM members, already "demoralized", have been further alienated from Mr Scargill by the recent pay award of up to £6.65 a week to members of the rival Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

NUM members will only get the money once the union has dropped its limited overtime ban, and for the first time in a dispute since the industry was nationalized it will not be back-dated.

Mr Walsh, who is committed to "consultation rather than confrontation", believes that Mr Scargill's tactic of making uncompromising demands has done untold harm to the union.

Mr Scargill has dismissed Mr Walsh as a right-wing candidate who will be supported by the establishment, "including those forces which have tried to destroy our industry and our union".

Mr Scargill, who tomorrow addresses a meeting of the EEC's Coal Commission, caught everyone by surprise with his decision to resign and seek re-election.

If he wins, his position and leadership style will be unassailable for at least another five years before he has to stand again under the terms of the Government's new Employment Bill, which becomes law next year.

Irish police 'on lawless course'

By John Cooney

The Irish police embarked on "a course of lawlessness" in arresting Paul Anthony Kane, a Maze prison escaper, the High Court, Dublin, was told yesterday.

Mr Patrick MacEntee, for Mr Kane, said that the police had shown a wanton disregard for extradition procedure.

Mr Kane was seeking an order for his immediate release. He was released last Wednesday after being detained for 48 hours, but was arrested later after a high-speed car chase and was charged with breach of the peace and assault.

He was granted bail the next day but was arrested as he left court and presented with a provisional warrant for his extradition to Northern Ireland.

Mr Justice Egan ordered a full hearing next Friday after ruling that there was a clear dispute of evidence.

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Unions plan £15m air stake

By Harvey Elliott

Union leaders are drawing up plans to invest more than £15 million into a proposed merger between British Caledonian and the Scandinavian airline, SAS.

Talks are well advanced on providing cash for the venture which is expected to be formally put forward this week as a rival to British Airways' bid to take over the troubled Gatwick-based airline.

SAS would take a stake of up to 40 per cent in British Caledonian and use the joint services of the two airlines as a base to build a European "second force" airline.

British Caledonian employees fear that if British Airways succeeded in a take-over an industrial relations package known as the Way Ahead would be scrapped, many administrative staff at Gatwick would lose their jobs

Airlines say skies soon too crowded

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

An urgent call for action to ease congestion in European skies has been made by the Association of European Airlines.

The association, which represents 21 continental airlines, says that aircraft movements in Europe will double by the year 2000 and that demand for space in the airways and airports will soon exceed supply.

They have produced a report which has been sent to transport ministers throughout the EEC urging them to take action to improve air traffic control and to create more airport space.

Even taking an expected medium level of growth of 5 per cent a year, 18 out of the 43 international terminals in Europe would have reached their capacity limits and be experiencing serious congestion in their terminals by 1995, they say.

Runways will also be heavily congested, with restrictions on traffic and delayed flights, the report says.

The association's secretary general, Herr Karl-Heinz Neumeister, said: "Congestion in the air has become a fact of life. This became obvious during this summer with more delays.

Already international predictions for the amount of air traffic by 1991 had been exceeded. "We do not know all there is to know on this subject and it does not lie within our power to do much about it", Herr Neumeister said.

"We have sounded an alarm bell and we hope that all concerned, including regulators and deregulators, will listen."

Clerical union delegates vote to merge

Delegates of Britain's largest clerical union, the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) yesterday voted for a merger with the General Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMB).

Both unions will hold ballots. If members agree they would amalgamate on January 1, 1989. It would make the new union the second largest after the Transport and General Workers.

Toxic hush-up denied

By John Young

The Department of the Environment strongly rebutted yesterday suggestions that it tried to conceal the fact that a 40-acre site in Southampton, which it wants to sell for housing, was heavily contaminated with toxic wastes.

The site, a former munitions factory, contains dumps of asbestos and heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, and copper. The Labour-controlled city council maintains that the department failed to inform it of the extent of the pollution.

But the department replied that its Property Services Agency had been in discussions with the council for more than a year and had told it all it knew about the contamination.

It had been made plain that the developer would be expected to make the land safe for habitation, and that he should take that into account when making a bid.

At present the site was surrounded by wire fencing and warning notices, and guarded by dogs.

Journalists in TV-am plea for arbitration

Journalists at TV-am are to appeal to both sides in the week-long industrial dispute to go to arbitration.

They believe emergency programming arrangements will force them to take sides.

Members of ACTT, the technicians' union, are on strike over manning levels for covering a charity Christmas campaign. The National Union of Journalists is concerned that members would be required to help to maintain normal programming.

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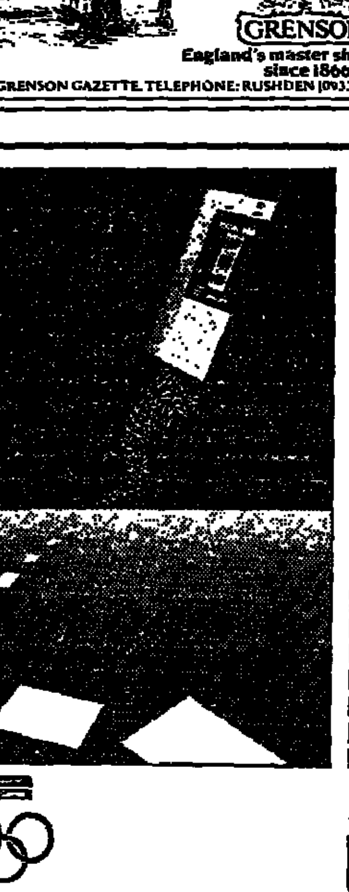

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Mobile centres and free advice urged by the Law Society

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mobile caravans, free advice clinics and home visits are put forward in a Law Society paper today as ways solicitors should take legal advice into the community.

The paper, whose publication comes on the eve of the Government's legal aid Bill this week, urges consideration of a national free legal advice scheme.

Under such a scheme all solicitor members would give a free initial interview to clients on a range of problems along the lines of a scheme launched this year by the Law Society for accident claims.

The legal aid Bill will contain controversial proposals for removing from solicitors much of the job of giving legal advice in areas such as welfare benefits and housing.

Instead the Government proposes these areas of work should be "contracted out" and it is expected that many of the contracts will go to Citizens' Advice Bureaux and law centres who can decide whether a problem really needs to be referred to a solicitor.

The Law Society, which strongly opposes the proposal, is expected to conduct an intensive lobbying campaign as the Bill goes through Parliament, and today's paper highlights steps already taken by the profession to improve the way legal advice is given to the public.

Examples of the kind of work being done by solicitors include home visits: one solicitor in Wales who works in a rural area arranges to visit all new clients at their homes.

In two other rural areas, Devon and Cumbria, local solicitors are planning a mobile advice service to reach potential clients living in remote or poorly serviced areas.

Although home visits can give rise to allegations of touting or "door stepping", the Law Society concludes that kind of work is important to bring legal services to those in rural areas or who cannot get about.

Other innovations include a 24-hour emergency telephone advice scheme run by a consortium of firms. That has been done in Birmingham where it is aimed at dealing with inquiries on criminal matters, mostly from friends of those held at police stations.

Southampton solicitors run a 24-hour "law line" on which people can obtain advice seven days a week.

Other ideas include setting up street-level free legal centres. That has been done by one group of firms which sees it as an "enhanced reception area" staffed by lay advisers who can decide if there is a legal problem.

Other firms are running free legal advice clinics, mainly in the evening, or taking such clinics to specific groups of people, such as those in sheltered accommodation or day centres.

The report concludes that legal aid solicitors are doing "a considerable amount of free work", some firms do up to 30 per cent, both with clients and for local advice agencies. They have close links with such agencies and their work complements each other's.

The Law Society says such co-operation "is the most desirable model for developing legal services", and is the one most cost-effective for the public. *It urges the Government to consider this model when making changes to the legal aid scheme.*

Masterpiece authenticated

Riddle of 'lost' Caravaggio

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

A great painting by Caravaggio has been authenticated as a result of the detective work of the British art historian, Sir Denis Mahon, but there are still questions to be asked as to where it has been for the past 90 years.

The story began for Sir Denis in May this year when he went to New York for an exhibition to which he – a great collector himself – had lent several pictures.

There, he was asked by Mr Keith Christiensen, of the Metropolitan Museum, if he would like to see something special in the restoration studio. "There was this painting stripped down, its old discoloured varnish removed. I saw immediately it was the original Caravaggio's lost painting, 'The Cardsharps'. I could sense its worth."

While he was there, he was also shown the impression from a stamp on the reverse side of the painting, and photographs of similar stamps on paintings based at the Capitoline Museum in Rome. *It seemed to be incontrovertible evidence that the paintings had been in the same collection.*

Until that day in the Met his only knowledge of the painting had been from a large photograph dating from the 1880s, he discloses in the January edition of *The Burlington Magazine.*

Gradually he pieced together a watertight provenance from the moment of the painting's creation in 1593-94 up to the 1880s. It was executed when Caravaggio was an unknown in his early twenties; according to Sir Denis it was "extraordinarily daring to make a picture of low life in Italy".

Displayed initially in a humble Roman street stall, it was bought by the great connoisseur Cardinal del Monte, who then invited Caravaggio to live and work in his palace.

Sold after the cardinal's death to another ecclesiastical family, the Barbarinis, the painting remained in their possession until the 1880s, weathering a dispute between two brothers, the Napoleonic Wars and the unification of Italy.

At this point, Sir Denis discovered Prince Maffeo Sciarra, the last registered owner. *He was a meteoric figure in Roman life but he was also a spendthrift. By 1890, he started trying to sell his art.*

Having offered it fruitlessly to the Italian government and endured law suits from the authorities, Prince Maffeo offered several paintings for sale in Paris in 1985.

That was the last sighting of "The Cardsharps", until Mr Ted Pilsbury, who turned down the directorship of the National Gallery, was invited to see it in Zurich.

Quickly convinced of its worth he bought it at a reputed 15 million dollars, and had it sent to the Metropolitan Museum for cleaning and restoration.

Sir Denis thinks "The Cardsharps" had come from a European family or possibly two, having been sold by a New York dealer acting on behalf of a Swiss corporation.

Counting the cost of saving life

Senior nurse Adelaide Tunstill has committed 19 years to specialized work in an intensive care unit at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, central London.

Yet although the rewards of job satisfaction are great, her expertise counts for little on pay day.

She receives £12,000 for heading a team of 60 nursing staff in the cardiac unit.

"I am very happy in my work and I have never considered moving into private health where I know I could earn a great deal more", Miss Tunstill, aged 45, said.

"When I compare my pay with that of other public sector workers, like policemen, whose salaries were about the same level a few years ago, I realize how far behind we have fallen."

She says the salary structure fails to encourage young nurses into intensive care units, where "those at the bedside really do have the lives of babies and young children in their hands".

She said: "I do not think pay is everything. I cannot honestly say it is always on my mind, but the number of beds we have was cut by 30 per cent last year to eight because of the difficulty of retaining nurses. We are coping but we would be able to carry out more operations if the nurses were there."

Last week, she revealed, a small boy had his operation postponed for a couple of days while staff tried to obtain a bed.

(Photograph: Alan Weller)

Advance in cystic fibrosis battle

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Researchers have made an important advance in the treatment of cystic fibrosis, an incurable genetic disorder which affects one in every two thousand children.

Scientists at Celltech, the British biotechnology company, have identified a naturally occurring enzyme which will be the basis of a new drug to help sufferers of the condition.

Cystic fibrosis is a wasting disease of the lungs and digestive system. Children born with the disorder rarely survive into adulthood.

The discovery of an enzyme called human gastric lipase, secreted in the stomach, will, it is hoped, help to overcome the inability of sufferers to digest nutritional fats.

A deficiency in the enzyme causes malnutrition and makes cystic fibrosis sufferers more prone to infections. Present therapy employs an enzyme preparation derived from the pancreas of pigs but it is ineffective in a high percentage of cases.

Researchers at Celltech have used genetic engineering techniques to isolate the human enzymes.

The company said yesterday: "We believe that this therapy will improve dramatically the quality of life of these children".

The therapy is also likely to be helpful in the treatment of chronic pancreatitis, a condition caused by the consumption of excessive alcohol.

If all goes well the product will be generally available by 1994.

Private hospital food 'overpriced'

By Robin Young

Private hospitals serve food which is little better than the average of National Health Service hospitals in the same cities, yet charge the prices of top London hotels.

That is the verdict of a survey reported in this year's edition of Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide to Hotels and Restaurants.

Ronay inspectors visited 11 private and 11 health service hospitals and concluded: "There can be little doubt that the hotel operations in private hospitals are grossly overpriced". Comparing the mean price charged by hospitals with a bill from a hotel of comparable comfort, the report estimates that the overpricing averages £75 a day.

The chief hotel and restaurant inspector, Mr Andrew Eliel, says that clinics get away with overcharging because most of their patients have private medical insurance.

Though private hospitals spend on average four times as much on food as state-run hospitals, only three were found to serve better food than that in the best health service hospitals. The lowest rated private hospital, the Ross Hall Hospital in Glasgow, scored as poorly as the worst health service hospitals.

Turning to hotels and restaurants the Ronay Guide complains of misuse of the credit card system, giving instances of hotels and restaurants adding or levying charges.

Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide 1988 to Hotels & Restaurants (Automobile Association; £9.95).

Portfolio —Gold—

Garden no longer golf handicap

A former oil executive who has won £2,400 in Portfolio Gold is to treat himself to the luxury of a part-time handyman to take care of his garden.

"In recent times it has become a bit of a chore and I would rather be out in the open playing golf", Mr Thomas Harton, aged 76, of Epsom Downs, Surrey, said.

"We have been putting off doing some home improvements and a bit of decorating. Now we will be able to take care of these and even have a little to invest. I retired 16 years ago and the wages then were nothing like they are today."

Mr Harton, who won a fifth share in Saturday's £12,000 Portfolio Gold prize, said: "This win has come at a really good time".

The payout came just in time also for Mrs Jacqueline Ryder, of Bracknell, Berkshire, who claimed her win with just four minutes to go before the 4pm deadline on Saturday. She said she would share some of the money with her three teenage children.

The three other daily prize winners are Mr Alan Butterworth, of New College School, Oxford, Mr Klitos Andrea, of Ash Road, Leeds, and Mr J. Dale, of West Byfleet, Weybridge, Surrey.

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Mrs Jacqueline Ryder, who made a last-minute claim.

Boxer still ill

A former Olympic boxer, Dougie Young, aged 25, was still very ill yesterday after an operation at Newcastle General Hospital on his leg, almost amputated in an accident.

Recycled goods sold as new

Shoppers could be buying second-hand presents this Christmas, thinking they are new.

Trading standards officers are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of used goods being repackaged and sold on to unsuspecting shoppers.

Officials in Croydon, south London, are preparing to prosecute one firm which regularly sold used and previously faulty telephones as new.

But Mr Jim Spinks, the council's chief trading standards officer, says that the practice also extends to television sets, videos, washing machines and hi-fi equipment.

Usually the goods have been rejected as faulty and sold on by the retailer to a company which specializes in refurbishing them.

"These goods look new and are being sold at full retail prices", *Mr Spinks said. "The public should be on their guard."*

One consumer reported finding food remains inside her supposedly new dishwasher. Another discovered a service record card inside a television set he thought was fresh from the factory.

The Croydon team is leading investigations into the recycling scandal.

Factory floor may be on tourist beat

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is to urge companies to throw open their doors to visitors to boost tourism and to make the people more aware of modern industrial processes.

Firms are to be asked to build visitors' car parks, instal special entrances, plan observation routes through their premises and even build overhead walkways so that the public, including holidaymakers from home and overseas, can see at close quarters how some of Britain's industrial products are made.

The plan would involve many of the cities not currently associated with tourism appearing on the tourist map.

The Government is to urge companies to take the lead from British Nuclear Fuels who encourage more than 100,000 people a year to visit the nuclear processing plant at Sellafield.

Although that is part of a wider political campaign to persuade people of the benefits and safety of nuclear power, ministers believe that the Sellafield idea with its conducted tours and exhibition centre should be the model for other firms.

Ministers are pleased that Jaguar is likely to open up its car production plants and they point to the success many companies enjoy with open days as an indication of the likely demand from the public.

Companies could levy a small charge to finance the facilities they would have to provide.

The plan is the work of Mr John Lee, the Under Secretary of State for Employment, who is the minister responsible for tourism. He is to hold talks with Sir David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry, to win backing for the concept of "modern industrial tourism".

Last night he said: "It would bring substantial numbers of visitors to towns which would not normally get them, with spin-off benefits to the local communities. And it could dramatically increase the awareness of our people of what modern day industrial processes are all about.

"Too often manufacturing industry bemoans the lack of interest shown. This would go a long way to altering attitudes.

"Imagine the interest if people could watch Rolls-Royces being built. The Americans buy a lot of Jaguars. Many who come over here would love to see them being made."

Campaign to save brewery

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Wem town council in Shropshire is fighting the closure of its prize-winning brewery which councillors say made pre-tax profits last year of £1.5 million.

Thirty-nine jobs will be lost locally when brewing, a centuries old industry in Wem, ends next February and the Greenall Whitley group, owners of the Shrewsbury and Wem Brewery Company, transfers production of Wem beers to another subsidiary in Birmingham.

The company blames the the drift away from traditional bitter to lager for the closure.

Greenall Whitley said the Wem brewery was operating at only one-third capacity. Many workers would be offered jobs in Birmingham where Wem keg and cask bitters would be produced at Davenport's brewery. But Wem draft pale ale and mild will disappear.

The council's fight to save the brewery is supported by the Campaign for Real Ale.

The Mayor of Wem, Councillor David Quayle, said: "*In no sense can a company that is earning more than £1 million a year profit be described as a lame duck*".

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Why gossip is not so much idle talk

By Kerry Gill

Gossip, tittle-tattle or clishmaclaver, as the Scots used to call it, are all perjorative terms for activities to which no one will admit.

However, research at Dundee University shows that gossip is an essential part of our lives providing us with vital information about our social and professional contacts.

When Dr Nicholas Emler, of the university's psychology department, began analysing the kinds of information people process and why, he began with himself. And most of the information he logged away in his brain each day was just plain gossip.

He then got his students to carry out similar exercises and the result was the same.

Dr Emler is about to publish a paper on gossip, which he has been researching for the past six years.

Idle talk, apparently a trivial everyday exercise, is of the utmost importance to individuals and the intricate details we store away concerning our relationships is a key function of the human brain.

"In everything we need to do, we rely on our knowledge about who is helpful, who is reliable, who will betray us and who will not", said Dr Emler, who argues that gossip is a complex and constant form of intelligence gathering carried out by everyone, and that the process is as intricate as higher mathematics.

His research has demonstrated what all men secretly knew perfectly well: that men gossip as much as women: "They just call it different things. They say they are talking politics."

Historically, however, when women chatted among themselves it was labelled by men as gossip or idle talk and was an attempt to stigmatize women who, they claimed, indulged in tittle-tattle.

"Men were frightened by what the women might be saying about them and most frightened of all that their sexual prowess might be being discussed", Dr Emler said.

Good gossips, said Dr Emler, can often be more successful as they are able to use the information they glean to best effect, know who to gossip with, and who not to discuss.

"The people who are bad at it are the bores who have little of interest to tell and usually tell us what we know already."

Dr Emler said that his research had shown that little of the conversation we have is about obviously important matters, and most of it concerns people we are personally acquainted with.

While gossiping, people attempt to make intricate assessments of what the other person knows or does not know. "In other words we are constantly asking 'what do I know that they don't know and what can I tell them'. It is a most complex information processing task."

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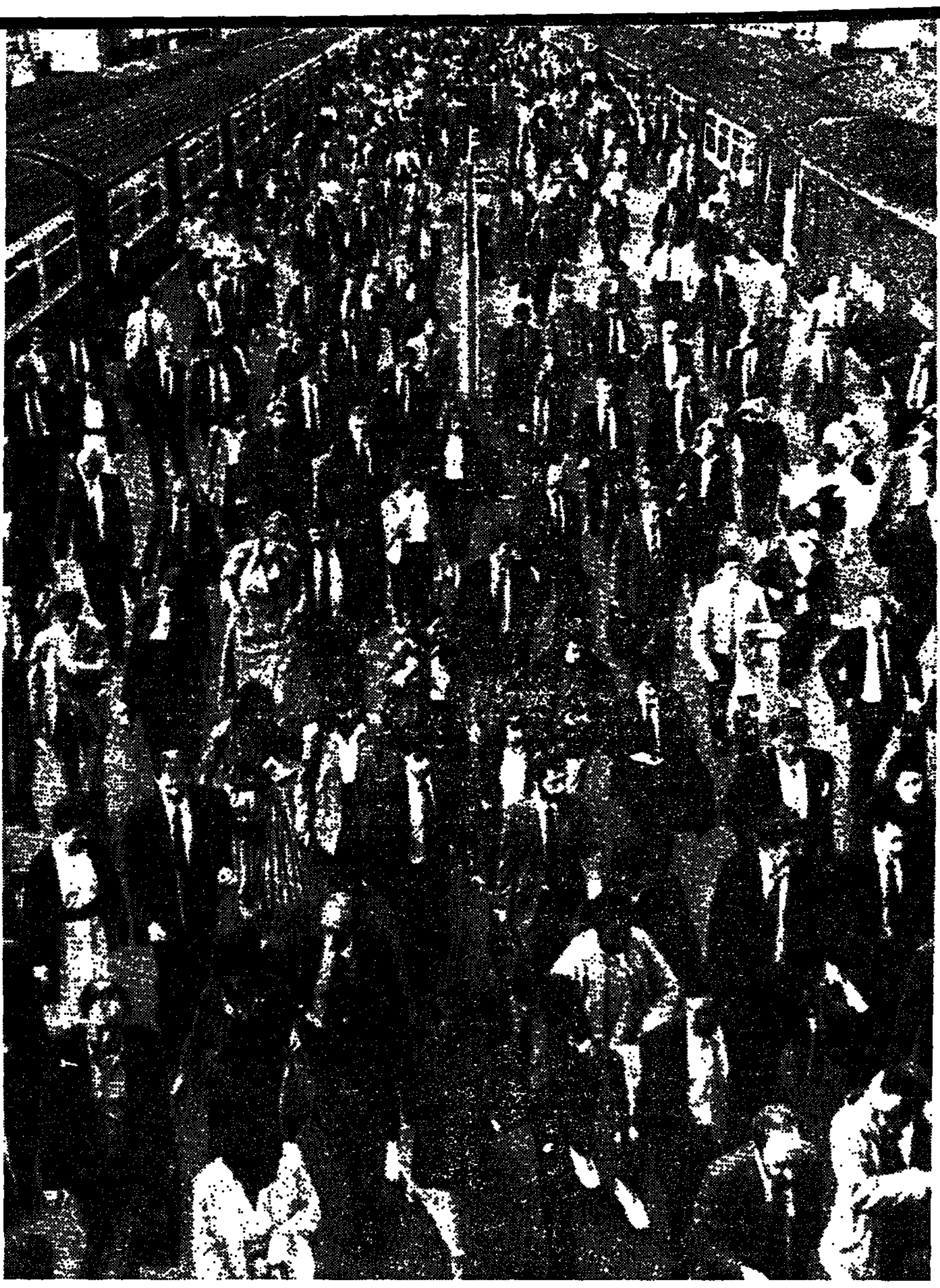

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Updating of police computer opens up use by the courts

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Police National Computer is to be updated, opening the way for the system to be used not just by the police but by the courts, Crown Prosecution Service, probation service and prisons.

A decision to go ahead with a national information bank would enable the key parts of the criminal justice system to have access, with strict safeguards against abuse, to criminal records, which are to be put on to the computer.

How many of the five million records would be put on and how fast has yet to be decided.

The courts, not the police, probably make most use of them. If someone is found guilty of an offence the court requires a record. At present the police have to keep them up to date.

The key decision to be taken is whether the records, when transferred to the computer, should be made available to all or some of the agencies.

There is strong argument for a court clerk to have access, so that, as the court makes decisions, the computer's information could be updated by the clerk.

The information could include whether the accused is on remand, on bail, and whether there are conditions attached to bail.

At present police time is taken up by providing information to the court or Crown Prosecuting Service, when the same information could be available through the computer network.

Each year the police send a million forms to the Home Office for its statistical records of court disposals. That information could be retrieved direct from the computer by designated Civil Servants.

Police time would be saved and more officers freed for operational duties. Stationery, printing and postage costs would be reduced.

The present Police National Computer came into service in 1974 and this will be its first important upgrading since then.

The facilities offered and the technology used are to be updated by a development team with Mr Alan Holt as technical director, working alongside Mr John Newing, a deputy assistant commissioner in the Metropolitan Police, who was seconded to the Home Office in April to be the user requirement director.

On the agenda will be implementation of a new communication network which will enable greater flexibility of use. Mr Holt and his team will also be be considering the development of new applications.

By revising the communication links between the computer and the different police forces, it will be possible in future for their computers to talk directly to each other, and information relating to similar crimes to be shared and compared.

The Police National Computer already holds records of stolen and suspect vehicles, vehicle owners, fingerprints, criminal names, wanted and missing persons and disqualified drivers. It handles about 100,000 transactions a day.

Mr Holt, who was previously at the Home Office, has rejoined it from the Department of Health and Social Services, where he was assistant director of a team planning the computerization of the social security benefit system.

Pleas for Hurd to end parole system

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The parole system should be abolished and prison sentences reduced, the National Association of Probation Officers and the Prison Reform Trust say today in separate submissions to a government committee.

The recommendations are part of evidence to the Review of the Parole System, established in July by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

According to the trust, so many parole applications are now processed each year that big delays happen. That leads to many prisoners being held in prison beyond the date on which they could have been released.

The trust is concerned about suicides after an announcement in 1983 by Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, that prisoners serving more than five years for offences involving violence and drug trafficking should be considered for parole only in the last months of their sentences.

Mr Brittan also decided that prisoners serving life sentences for certain types of murder should serve a minimum of 20 years regardless of individual circumstances. The trust says three prisoners affected by that decision have committed suicide.

Mr Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The parole system contains an unacceptable number of breaches of natural justice.

"A prisoner has no right to hear the reasons for parole refusal and no right to be represented at hearings. The system is weighted against the prisoner, who does not understand what he or she has to achieve to gain parole."

His organization wants the parole system replaced by "shorter determinate sentences, a fair disciplinary system in prisons involving independent tribunals, and adequate resources to enable the probation service to administer an effective social work service to prisoners".

The association represents more than 6,000 probation officers and ancillary staff. Last year the service provided 20,220 reports for the Parole Board and 32,510 former prisoners began supervision on a statutory basis.

Caps raised for volunteer police chief

Mr Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police Commissioner (right), leads a salute yesterday for Mr Arthur Hammond, who is retiring after 20 years as Chief Commandant of the volunteer Metropolitan Special Constabulary. Mr Hammond, aged 64, was presented with a ceremonial sword at a farewell inspection at the Peel Centre Training Establishment, Hendon, north-west London. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

D-day for Commons Bunters

Whether MPs like it or not, members of the best club in Britain are about to be subjected to a health drive by the Commons catering authorities (Martin Fletcher writes).

As a first step, the authorities have decided to employ a dietician for two full days a week who will scrutinize all the menus in the 24 restaurants and bars in the Palace of Westminster.

Where sponge puddings, jam roly-polies and other such prep school favourites once reigned supreme, free-range products and organically-grown vegetables will now be positively promoted.

Notices are also to be posted in all Commons bars advising customers to try the alcohol-free wines and beers on sale. Mr Charles Irving, long-standing chairman of the Commons catering committee, said: "We want to put the health back into MPs. Too many are overweight and stodgy and are passionately fond of spotted dick."

Large fall in school-leavers

By Roland Rudd

Employers in large organizations are increasingly worried about the substantial decline in the number of school-leavers up to 1992, according to a report from the Incomes Data Services.

The report shows how existing skill shortages will be exacerbated over the next few years.

Between 1964 and 1976 live births in the United Kingdom fell by 35 per cent, a drop that is already being felt in the labour market of 16-to-19-year-olds today.

The report predicts that in the next five years there will be a fall of 145,600 in the number leaving school in England, and that 1992-93 will show the lowest number of school-leavers for 20 years.

From a peak in 1982-83 the number will have fallen by 12 per cent to 681,700 at the end of the present academic year. The downward trend is expected to accelerate during the next five years by a further 21.4 per cent.

There are also far fewer school-leavers available for employment than leave school; a high proportion go into full-time or further education. Over the next five years the number of school-leavers available for work will fall to only 356,900.

The report shows how competing employers are already beginning to adapt to the shortfall by introducing:

- ● Enhanced pay and benefits to help to recruit staff;
- ● A reworking of pay structures to retain staff through improved promotion and career prospects;
- ● Improved training provision for the less qualified school-leaver to increase numbers with the required skills;
- ● Flexibility over normal requirements, which may include a reduction in qualification levels;
- ● Increased regional incentives, particularly in the South-east.

The report shows how the National Health Service and the banks have already started to change with the new environment.

During 1986 the health service recruited about 17,000 trainees from the female five O level, two A level group out of a total of 70,000. It is estimated that by 1992, at its present recruitment rate, the NHS would need to take more than 30 per cent of that group.

To sustain its share of the youth market the health service is offering more flexible working arrangements and support facilities for those with family commitments, and is increasing the numbers of mature students and male recruits.

The banks have also become more aware of recruiting pressures; in April 1986, they abolished the wage-for-age scales under the age of 21.

Starters are directly recruited into the grade for their job, while most banks give a firm commitment of a job to a school-leaver before his or her exam results are known.

IDS Report 510 (Incomes Data Services, 193 St John Street, London EC1 V4LS; by subscription).

Falklands TV film on, despite criticism

Channel 4 is to press ahead with plans to screen an Argentinian film whose hero, a young sailor, is killed in the sinking of the cruiser General Belgrano by the Royal Navy during the Falklands conflict.

Conservative MPs have called on the company, which has paid £50,000 for the television rights to *La Deuda Interna*, not to screen the film.

Mr John Stokes, MP for Stourbridge and Halesowen, said it was "absolutely monstrous" that British money should subsidize a film with what he described as an anti-British theme.

"No other nation would stab itself in the back in this way and I shall raise the matter in the Commons next week", he said.

Channel 4 said yesterday that the film's message was anti-war and could in no way be interpreted as being insulting to Britain. The death of the young man was not depicted.

Mr Alan Fountain, Channel 4 commissioning editor, said: "I am surprised anyone could find it controversial. It depicts a tragedy happening to a young man who goes to war without really knowing what he is doing and gets killed.

"MPs are obviously being fed things. They have not seen the film."

The director, Miguel Pereira, made the low-budget production with the assistance of students from the London International Film School.

Most of the film's finance came from Argentina but the British Film Institute gave £30,000 towards post-production costs.

Killing charge

Mrs Deidre Washington, of St Osyth, Essex, was charged on Saturday with the murder of Anthea Trevelyan, a teacher, at a former children's home at Stonham Parva, Suffolk, and with the attempted murder of Mr Victor Copperman, the home's owner. Lowestoft magistrates remanded her in custody until Thursday.

Baby better

David Barber, aged six weeks, who underwent open heart surgery last Wednesday after five postponements, has been taken off a ventilator machine and is breathing unaided at Birmingham Children's Hospital. He is stable and improving.

Mine reopens

Geevor tin mine at Pendeen, near Land's End, closed last year with the loss of 350 jobs after the collapse of the international tin market, is to be reopened for a trial period by its new owners, Supernal Services, in a last attempt to prevent it being flooded.

Pit ballot

Miners at the loss-making Linby Colliery, near Nottingham, will be balloted on whether to fight the decision to close the pit next March, with the loss of 800 jobs.

Times past

Miss Anne Motherwell, who was 105 on Saturday, was given a copy of *The Times* printed the day before she was born by the Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire, where she has lived for 28 years.

£25m to cut city homeless

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A big financial package to ease the immediate crisis of homelessness will be announced by the Government today.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing, will tell the Commons that he is making £25 million available for short-term measures to provide more accommodation to those local authorities facing the most acute housing difficulties.

The money, mostly for authorities in London and other big cities, must be spent by the end of the financial year.

Mr Waldegrave will make the announcement during the second reading of the Housing Bill, which aims to achieve a longer-term revolution in the housing market by freeing the rented sector and allowing council house tenants to choose alternative landlords.

However, ministers acknowledge that with more than 100.000 "households" homeless and councils using appallingly sub-standard bed-and-breakfast accommodation urgent interim measures are also required.

Apart from the £25 million, Department of the Environment ministers are pressing the Treasury for agreement on a system of "transferable discounts" which they believe could have a swift and significant impact on homelessness.

Under the system, tenants could use the discount they would normally be given to buy their council house to buy a home in the private sector, thus freeing a council house for those most in need.

Ministers have been monitoring two such pilot schemes in the politically-polarized London boroughs of Brent and Bromley and in both cases they have been "unequivocal successes". An announcement could be made soon after Christmas.

Local authorities had been asked by the Department of the Environment to prepare schemes for the swift alleviation of homelessness, and the £25 million will be targetted specifically to those who supplied practical submissions.

Much of the money is expected to be spent on hostel accommodation and bringing empty property back into use.

● Mr John Heddle, chairman of the Conservative backbench environment committee, will claim in the Commons today that a staffing crisis at the Land Registry is delaying purchases of new houses and adding up to £3,000 to their cost.

He will say that the registry's workload has increased by 25 per cent in the past 12 months.

Cambridge dons demand to be heard

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A petition calling for an inquiry into the way Cambridge University is governed has been signed by nearly 200 dons. They say the university is suffering because the present system is undemocratic and inefficient.

The petitioners say the structure of university government, which dates from 1926, "no longer fully satisfies either the modern requirement for rapid, firm and effective decision-making or the reasonable aspirations of members of the Regent House (the dons' parliament) to participate in the determination of policy".

They say the time has come for "major changes".

Many of the dissident dons are scientists who fear that Cambridge is in danger of being left behind by Oxford University in the increasingly competitive hunt for research funding.

They also say that Cambridge has no plans to match the £200 million general appeal that Oxford will launch next year.

Professor Alan Cook, Master of Selwyn College, who is one of the organizers of the petition, said yesterday: "There is a feeling that Oxford is doing better. One of our problems is that dons' views are not being properly represented."

The petition says that Oxford's constitution allows dons there to put motions to the university Congregation. In Cambridge, however, the Regent House, which is theoretically the governing body, can consider only those motions put to it by the Council of Senate.

The petition says the absence of satisfactory means by which the Regent House can fulfil the role of a governing body has led to a low level of participation by senior members.

Dr Anthony Edwards, a Fellow of Caius College and another of the petition's organizers, said: "Authority has drained away from us. More and more quite arbitrary decisions are being taken by administrative officers on the two central bodies, the Council of Senate and the General Board of Faculties, which are not properly accountable.

"There is no political forum in which dissenters can make their voices heard. It is a very unhappy situation."

The petitioners' complaints were dismissed by Mr Geoffrey Skelsey, the assistant registrar. He accused them of harking back to a mythical golden age. "They have put forward two mutually exclusive requests", he said.

"On the one hand, they want the government of the university to be handed back to Regent House, which is a gathering of the whole teaching staff, more than 2,000 people. On the other hand, they say they want the university to be more speedily responsive to the Government and the University Grants Committee. They cannot have both."

The Council of the Senate said that it was "necessary to be cautious" in suggesting that Cambridge's performance had been hindered by its system of government. It said the university's financial situation was less serious than that of other universities which had suffered similar cuts in grant.

However, the council acknowledged that some aspects of university government "could, with advantage, be reviewed". It has agreed to discuss the petition on December 15.

Extradition of O'Hare to Ulster unlikely

By John Cooney

If Ireland's most wanted terrorist, Dessie O'Hare, recovers from gun wounds he received when captured by police last Friday, he is more likely to stand trial in the Irish Republic than be extradited to Northern Ireland.

Senior police officers in Dublin expect that O'Hare will be charged with the kidnapping of the Dublin dentist, Mr John O'Grady, and with other alleged crimes, including a number of bank robberies.

However, O'Hare, aged 29, from Armagh, is also wanted by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Northern Ireland in connection with about thirty alleged murders. But it is not clear whether sufficient evidence exists against O'Hare to support extradition warrants.

O'Hare was captured in a gun battle with police and soldiers at Urlingford, Co Kilkenny.

His condition was described yesterday as "critical but stable". He was on a life support machine in St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, after two operations for wounds in the arms, legs and chest. One bullet punctured a lung.

Irish police are still hunting for a third man who was reported to have been with O'Hare and Martin Bryan before the gun battle.

Bryan, who was killed when O'Hare tried to drive a BMW through a police checkpoint, is believed to have been under surveillance for several weeks by the police in the expectation that he would lead them to O'Hare.

Believing that O'Hare was in the passenger seat, the police concentrated their fire on Bryan, aged 29, from Co Londonderry.

O'Hare was thought to have been on his way to a safe hideout in Co Clare.

Mr Gerry Collins, the republic's Minister for Justice, has declined to comment on whether an IR£100,000 reward for information leading to O'Hare's arrest will be paid.

Motorway repairs

Lane rental scheme succeeds in cutting delays

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry
Correspondent

The Government's lane rental scheme, under which motorway contractors pay a penalty for delays, has cut repair time by 38 per cent since it was introduced three years ago, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, said yesterday.

The present aim is to repair 80 miles of motorway annually. But it will be at least a year before proposals to speed up road repairs in urban areas are introduced into Parliament.

Roads in towns and cities are dug up two million times a year by public utilities replacing or repairing water, gas, electricity and communication services.

A Bill which would force the utilities to accept responsibility for reinstating the road afterwards is struggling to find legislative time.

Roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 London: lane closures near jn 4 (Edgware).
M4 London: lane closures on the eastbound exit slip at jn 4 (Heathrow).
M11 Essex: southbound lane closures between jns 5 and 4 (Loughton/North Circular Road).
M11 Essex: off peak lane closures and speed restrictions at jn 8 (Stansted airport).
M11 Essex: contraflow between jn 8 and 10 (Bishop's Stortford/Duxford).
M275 Hampshire: flyover construction continues between the M27 and Rudmore roundabout.
M3 Hampshire: contraflow and slip road restrictions between jns 9 and 7 (Winchester/Basingstoke).
M40 Thames Valley: lane closures eastbound between jns 4 and 2 (High Wycombe/Beaconsfield) from 9.30 am until 4.00 pm for resurfacing.
M2 Kent: contraflow at jn 4 (Gillingham).

Midlands

M1 Leicestershire: contraflow between jns 24 and 25 (A6 Nottingham).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Bromsgrove/Worcester north). Northbound entry slip at jn 6 closed. Northbound traffic at jn 6 reduced to single lane; lane restrictions and overnight closures between jns 5 and 7 (Bromsgrove/Worcester South).
M5 West Midlands: various lane closures between jns 1 and 2 (West Bromwich/Birmingham West). Southbound entry slip at jn 1 and northbound entry slip at jn 2 are also closed.
M5 Hereford/Worcester: lane closures and overnight carriageway closures between jns 4 and 4a (Bromsgrove/M42).
M54 Shropshire: at jn 6 (Telford west) traffic reduced to single lane on both carriageways at Ketley interchange.

North

M62 Greater Manchester: westbound entry slip road at jn 17 (A56 Bury) closed. Diversion signposted.
M62 Lancs/Yorks border: construction work between jns 21 and 22 (A640/A672). Various slip road restrictions.
M62 West Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 25 and 26 (A644 Brighouse/M606 Bradford).
M62/M18 Humberside: contraflow between jns 34 and 36 (A19/Goole). (Work due to end by Friday).
M63 Greater Manchester: restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge M63 Greater Manchester: construction of M63 flyover at Portwood Roundabout, Stockport. Road width reduced to two lanes.
M1 West Yorkshire: lane restrictions at jn 36 (A61 Barnsley).
M1 West Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 39 and 40 (Wakefield/Dewsbury). Slip road closures at jn 40.

Wales and the West

M5 Gloucestershire: lane closures in both directions between jns 11 and 12 (Cheltenham/Gloucester).
M5 Avon: contraflow at jn 14 (Thornbury). Resurfacing.
M5 Somerset/Devon: lane closures between jns 21 and 27 (Weston-super-Mare/Tiverton). Contraflow between jns 23 and 25 (Bridgwater/Taunton).
M4 Glamorgan: major work westbound at jn 36 (A4061 Bridgend).
M4 West Glamorgan: lane closures eastbound at jn 45 (A4067).
M5 Gloucestershire: lane closures in both directions between jns 11 and 12 (Cheltenham/Gloucester).
M5 Avon: contraflow at jn 14 (Thornbury). Resurfacing.
M5 Somerset/Devon: lane closures between jns 21 and 27 (Weston-super-Mare/Tiverton). Contraflow between jns 23 and 25 (Bridgwater/Taunton).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: contraflow between jns 3 and 4 (Livingston/Bathgate).
M8 Strathclyde (Glasgow): westbound off-peak lane closures at jn 15 (Townhead).
M8 Strathclyde: outside lane closures between jns 27 and 29 (Renfrew/A740) for resurfacing.
M8 Strathclyde: parapet work between jns 29 and 31 (A740/A8). Lane closures as required.
M876 central region: inside lane closed in both directions between jn 1 (Falkirk) and M80.
M74/A74 Strathclyde/Dumfries and Galloway: numerous lane closures between Maryville interchange and Gretna.

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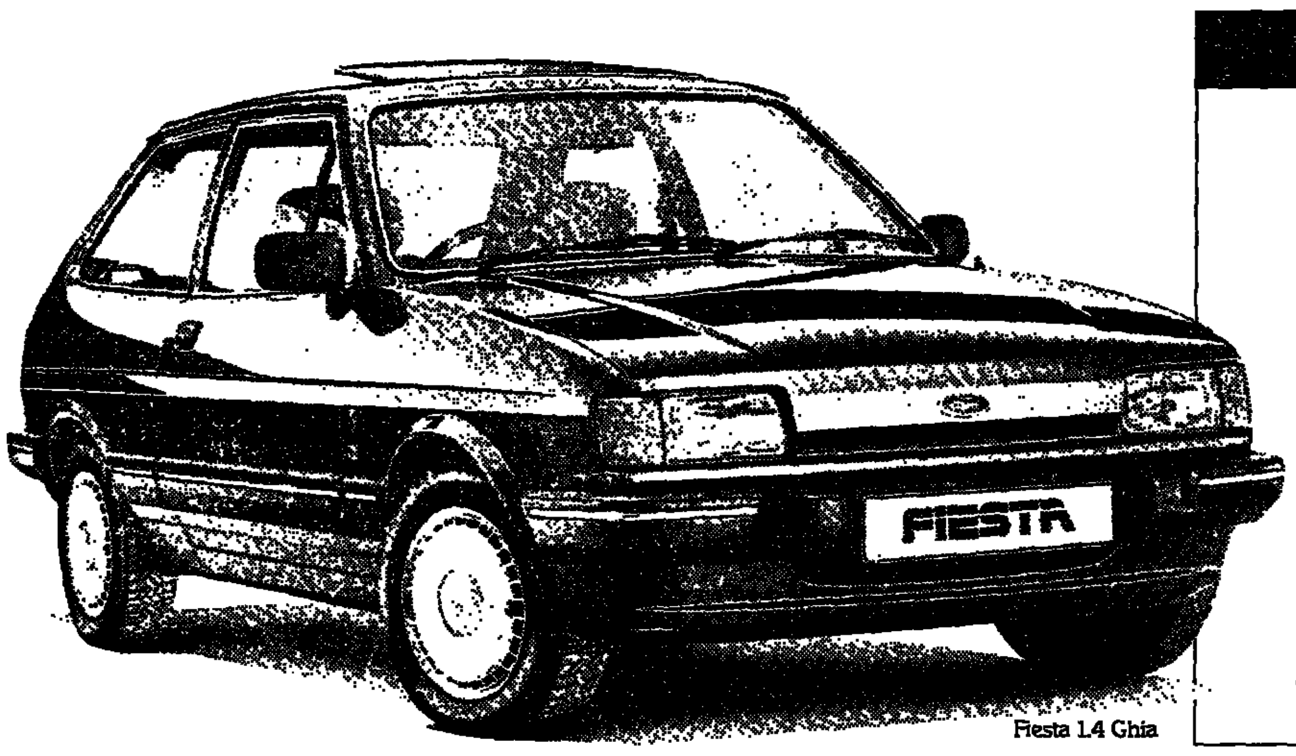

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Total Credit Price	**£5423.83**	**£8279.09**	**£8381.72**	**£7670.95**
4.8% APR				
Initial Payment (Minimum 50%)	**£2426.57**	**£3703.93**	**£3749.89**	**£3431.87**
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9.5% APR				
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36 Monthly Payments of (Starting 1 month after contract)	**£174.72**	**£194.95**	**£213.44**	**£236.74**
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4.8% APR				
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36 Monthly Payments of (Starting 1 month after contract)	**£102.35**	**£114.20**	**£125.03**	**£138.68**
Charge for Credit	**£257.18**	**£286.95**	**£314.13**	**£348.41**
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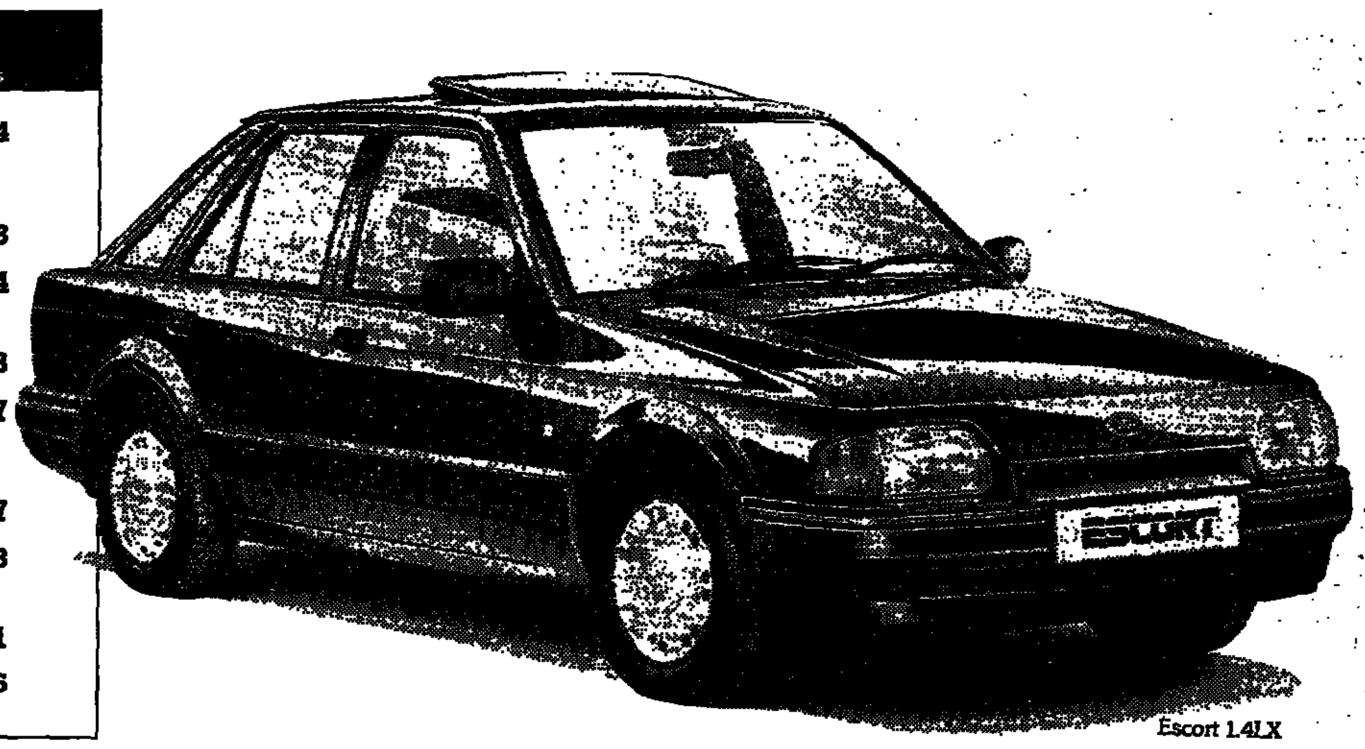

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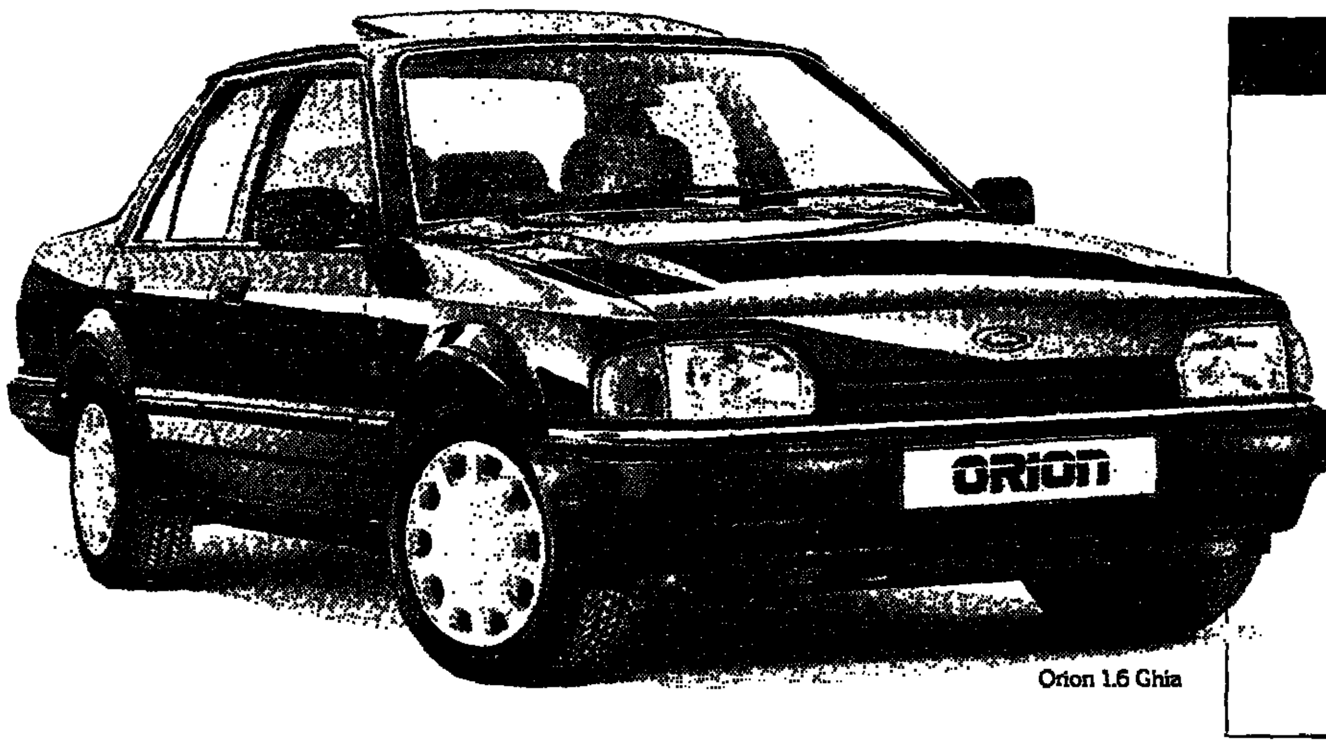

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9.5% APR				
Initial Payment (Minimum 20%)	**£1446.96**	**£1548.08**	**£1722.45**	**£1862.16**
36 Monthly Payments of (Starting 1 month after contract)	**£184.41**	**£197.29**	**£219.52**	**£237.32**
Charge for Credit	**£850.92**	**£910.10**	**£1012.90**	**£1094.86**
Total Credit Price	**£8085.72**	**£8650.52**	**£9625.17**	**£10405.68**
4.8% APR				
Initial Payment (Minimum 50%)	**£3617.40**	**£3870.21**	**£4306.14**	**£4655.41**
36 Monthly Payments of (Starting 1 month after contract)	**£108.02**	**£115.57**	**£128.59**	**£139.02**
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Jail Cubans free four hostages

Atlanta — After a seventh night of burning and rioting, Cuban prisoners at Atlanta jail unexpectedly released four of their 94 hostages yesterday in what they called a "goodwill gesture" (Christopher Thomas writes). But there was no sign that the siege would end soon. Food, water, electricity and gas were cut off as hundreds of police and troops stood by.

Mr Manuel Echevarria, one of the freed hostages, who teaches English at the prison, said the only condition for the release was that the gesture should be publicized. He praised the prisoners, saying they were "men in every sense of the word, who treated us with every conceivable consideration".

The stalemate continued at the alien detention centre in Oakdale, Louisiana, where 950 Cuban inmates seized more than 30 staff nine days ago.

Warning to racists

Paris — A huge march for solidarity against "racism and xenophobia" wound its way through Paris yesterday without incident (Philip Jacobson writes). According to the joint left-wing organizers, between 100,000 and 150,000 people turned out for what was designed to send a warning to France's extreme right-wing political leaders.

Police estimates of the crowd were more modest — up to 25,000 — but with acrobats, dancers, jugglers and brass bands participating, the atmosphere was distinctly jolly.

Youths wounded

Jerusalem — Two youths taking part in rowdy demonstrations in the occupied *territories yesterday to mark* the 40th anniversary of the UN vote to partition Palestine were wounded in the legs when Israeli troops opened fire to break up crowds (Ian Murray writes).

The refugee camp at Balata near Nablus in the West Bank, where one of the youths was wounded, was later put under curfew. Rafiah, where the other shooting occurred, was just one of several camps in the Gaza Strip where demonstrations were staged.

Greece woos Israelis

Athens — Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, travelled to Israel yesterday on the first official visit by a Greek foreign minister to the Jewish state since *its establishment* nearly 40 years ago (Mario Modiano writes). It is a significant policy revision for Greece, which *has supported the Arabs, particularly the Palestine* Liberation Organization, since the Socialists came to power *in 1981*.

The visit comes as the culmination of discreet efforts in the past two years to normalize Greek-Israeli relations *in all* fields. It is seen here as a step towards full diplomatic recog*nition of Israel, which the Israelis would like to happen be*fore Greece assumes the rotating presidency of the EEC in the second half of 1988.

Attack on editor

Colombo — Two bombs were *thrown* at the home of the editor of Sri Lanka's largest circulation Sinhala language daily, *The Divaina* (Island), on Saturday night (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Mr Edmund Ranasinghe, who is also editor-in-chief of the Upali group of newspapers, said he had just *returned* from a meeting with distributors of the newspaper in Colombo when the bombs were thrown. One bomb damaged part of the house but his family were not injured. The other bomb did not explode.

Poll move by Bhutto

Islamabad (Reuter) — Miss Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party ends an eight-year boycott today when it contests national elections.

Since 1979 Pakistan's main opposition party has maintained that any electoral exercise under the military rule of President Zia was rigged or illegitimate and refused to take part. This time, after attempts to mobilize the masses outside the electoral process failed to dislodge him, Miss Bhutto has ordered her party into the electoral battle.

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Economic pact likely

Acapulco — The meeting of eight Latin American Presidents *at this fashionable coastal resort in the south-west of Mexico* is expected to end with unanimous support for some degree *of economic integration among nations of the region*, in which Cuba will be specifically included (Alan Robinson *writes*).

There will also be the expected support for Latin *American peace initiatives* in Central America and a fairly circumspect reference to the need to lighten the debt-*servicing load in the region.*

Praying for a European farm reform miracle

Brussels View

By Richard Owen

With only a few days left before this week's EEC summit in Copenhagen, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and other EEC foreign ministers yesterday began a two-day "conclave" to try to agree a *last*-minute farm reform package.

"The EEC cardinals are in *session*," one diplomat remarked. "Let us pray for a miracle."

Last week's EEC farm talks collapsed amid talk of total incompatibility, with the farm ministers handing over to the summit in despair. As Sir Geoffrey pointed out, all 12 nations agree on the need for financial restructuring. But Britain wants strict, guaranteed farm cuts which West Germany, above all, will not concede. France is wooed by *both sides, but tends to* side with Bonn.

Behind the "conclave" walls officials reported little enthusiasm for a compromise put forward by Denmark, which holds the presidency, emphasizing a scheme known as "set aside" — or taking land out of use, with compensation or income aid for farmers.

The problem for some EEC leaders is that Mrs Thatcher approaches EEC theology like a down-to-earth housewife (the epithet hurled at her by the French at the last showdown over money in Brussels in June), or like a nanny dealing with obstreperous children.

"She *thinks* farm reforms are like rice pudding," one official said, not *without admiration. "She says to the* others in effect, if you don't eat it *today you'll have to eat it* cold tomorrow or the day after or the day *after. It is up to you.*"

What Mrs Thatcher — with support from the European Commission — is asking the EEC to swallow is a system of detailed and strictly binding limits on farm spending, called stabilizers. Only then will budgetary discipline prevail, and only then will Britain agree to an increase in EEC resources for more regional aid to the poorer states of southern Europe.

"But if farm ministers could not cope with the technical complexities of stabilizers, how can leaders or their foreign ministers do so?" one official asked.

One hope is that France will move *toward the British view, prompting* West Germany to compromise in *Copenhagen at the last moment* (Bonn inherits the EEC presidency *in 1988* and will not want to inherit budget chaos as well).

British officials in London and Brussels are aware of the risk of the *kind of* "Britain isolated" headlines which dominated the Brussels summit. Britain has proposed that existing food mountains should be disposed of at national cost, giving the EEC a "clean slate" from which to start future — reduced — farm spending. After initial hostility, not least from West Germany, which *holds the bulk of food stocks*, some EEC officials think surplus disposal could be paid for outside the farm budget.

In another hopeful sign, diplomats said yesterday that the EEC was moving toward an element of gross *national product* in EEC budget revenues — a "fourth resource" after customs duties, farm levies and VAT. But this would mean a change in the hard-won British rebate, and Sir Geoffrey opposed "any change which makes our burden more onerous".

Nor does Britain accept the need for loopholes in the form of a "exceptional circumstances" clause allowing France and West Germany to circumvent farm cuts if, for example, the dollar slips against the ECU (European Currency Unit).

As the Copenhagen meeting approaches, Britain is clearly irritated with Bonn and Paris for forming a hardline "axis" against farm cuts just when Mrs Thatcher thought she *had reached an understanding* with the French after her talks with M. Chirac a week ago. "The British always misread the French," one *EEC official commented*.

The chances of Mrs Thatcher softening her own stand seem remote — and in the view of some EEC diplomats are made more remote by her role as world statesman.

As the Danes observe, with growing frustration, it is absurd that the EEC is unable to cope with the "trivial" matter of balancing its books while the superpowers settle great issues of war and peace.

The Danish appeal is meant to galvanize the *EEC into compromise*. It may have the opposite effect on Mrs Thatcher as *she looks beyond* Copenhagen to her meeting with Mr *Gorbachov next week on* the eve of the Washington summit. If the EEC *budget row is trivial and absurd*, she may calculate, a solution can wait *until the other 11* are ready to accept the British recipe for sound finances.

Kabul peace assembly is rocked by rebel attack

From Christopher Walker, Kabul

Muslim rebels fighting the Moscow-backed Afghan Government scored a notable propaganda and military coup yesterday when four huge explosions rocked the building where Dr Najibullah, the Afghan leader, was addressing a special assembly designed to form a broader-based regime which would facilitate a Soviet withdrawal.

The symbolic attack, made in the face of the biggest Soviet security operation seen here in recent years, was followed less than two hours later by an admission from the communist leader that the rebels were besieging the important provincial city of Khost, trapping about 40,000 people.

Only one of the Chinese-made rockets used in the attack fell close to the building where the Loya Jirgah (grand assembly) was taking place, but the timing was seen as a flat rejection of Dr Najibullah's efforts to make his Government more acceptable to his enemies.

During the attack shortly before 10am, the KGB-trained Afghan leader gave a masterful display of cool control as *he* continued reading his speech outlining a new constitution. The first explosion came just after he had declared *that the Jirgah was* dedicated to "peace".

The assembly, only the second of its kind since the 1979 Soviet invasion, had been declared a target by the rebels, who have scored several notable military successes recently. They *claim the* assembly represented less than *50 per cent of the Afghan* people.

I was inside the auditorium of the Soviet-financed Kabul *Polytechnic when the first* blast rattled windows and *doors, causing extreme con*sternation to all the 1,860 delegates and guests, with the exception of Dr Najibullah (nicknamed "The Ox"), who kept on reading the seventh page of his opening address.

Undeterred, Dr Najibullah continued with his speech — which had started with a minute's silence for those already killed by the rebels — as three more blasts shook the building in quick succession.

The building was surrounded by heavy Soviet armour and elite Soviet troops. A special detachment of Su 25 Soviet fighter-bombers had earlier been flown in to help defend the Jirgah.

After the second blast, Mr Pavel Mozhayev, the white-haired Soviet Ambassador held urgent whispered discussions *in the auditorium* with one of his bodyguards. Minutes later Soviet forces launched a big air operation to flush out the attackers, thought to have been at least six miles away.

A number of those attending the assembly admitted later that, had Dr Najibullah not kept talking, they would have tried to leave.

The two-day gathering was the latest in Dr Najibullah's moves for national reconcilliation, which have been rejected outright by the rebel leaders. The rocket attack on the Jirgah was the latest in a series of operations mounted by the rebels to make a mockery of the unilateral ceasefire announced by the Government last January and extended for a further six months in July.

The assembly, whose delegates included 120 Afghan Army officers, was called to approve a new constitution which will give sweeping powers to a new President due to be elected today for the first of two seven-year terms. Dr Najibullah is certain to triumph, although the new constitution makes what one diplomat called "the pretence" of launching a multi-party system.

Because of next week's Washington summit, the Jirgah has taken on special significance as the question of Soviet withdrawal will be a main topic. The dominance of Soviet troops, armour and aircraft in yesterday's operation added credence to diplomatic claims that Dr Najibullah's regime would quickly collapse without Moscow's military presence.

His admission to delegates that rebels have mounted an "*economic siege*" around Khost, about 100 miles south-*east of Kabul, confirmed dip*lomatic reports of large Soviet convoys heading in that direction.

Jirgha delegates, already shaken by the explosions, were told *that the rebels had* blocked all the roads to the *city* and that the airport was unusable during daylight because of the threat *posed* by American Stinger and British Blowpipe *missiles* in their possession.

The Afghan *leader said that* planes able to get into Khost under cover of darkness were able to drop only 50 tons of provisions at a time, which was not sufficient. He said negotiations to break the siege had failed and threatened that a massive retaliatory operation would be launched in "20 to 30 days" time if it was not lifted.

Hostile Koreans disrupt Roh rally

Protesters opposed to Mr Roh Tae Woo, the ruling Democratic Justice Party's candidate in the South Korean presidential election, hurling sticks and stones during his rally yesterday in Kwangju, scene of an anti-government uprising in 1980.

Food aid 'must be rushed' to Tigré

By Paul Vallely

The biggest migration of Ethiopian peasants since the great famine of 1984 is now under way, according to the first British aid official to return from *the affected* northern regions of the country in *the past two weeks.*

Mr Brendan Gormley, who runs the Ethiopia desk at Oxfam and came back from the country on Saturday, said yesterday that food stocks are *now exhausted almost entirely* in the northern province of Tigré. Today he will report to the agency's emergency de*partment that stockpiles of* food, held by agencies and government warehouses throughout Ethiopia, must be rushed to the northern region.

"The next two or three weeks will be crucial. Tens of thousands of people are leaving their homes and moving towards government food distribution points. If there is not *enough food for them to take* back to their villages, they will *start to form camps*," he said. Diseases and epidemics in camps during the last famine claimed many of the several hundred thousand people who perished.

Mr Gormley is to recommend that Oxfam should organize and finance the transport needed to ferry food from other parts of the country to Tigré. "*The other places have* enough food to last until the *end of January. Tigré cannot* last out that long. What we *want is to shift the available* food and then replace it from *shipments due in January*."

Flying north from Addis *Ababa, he said, the extent of* the crop failure was dramatically evident. "*In the south of* Wollo there has been some *harvest. You can see some* crops in the fields and some harvesting activity. But once you cross the Maichu range into Tigré the contrast is staggering. The whole region is just blasted. There is nothing growing."

An airlift to the province has begun, but at present the only planes flying are four-engine Soviet-built Antonovs. Three are taking 60 tons of food *into the provincial cap*ital of Mekele a day. To date, *Mr Gormley said, the airlift* financed by European govern*ments has not yet begun, and* the Belgian Hercules which *had been operating* has been grounded since Eritrean rebels destroyed a UN food convoy on October 23.

Reagan rhetoric woos the right

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Using deliberately harsh language, President Reagan said at the weekend that military intervention by the Soviet Union in other countries was a "major impediment" to improved US-Soviet relations. He said the Russians were "adversaries of all who believe in human liberty".

In his weekly radio address, Mr Reagan said regional conflicts would be at the top of his agenda at the summit meeting here with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. He said that wherever in the world the Soviet Union and its clients sought to advance their interests by force "they must stop and let the people of these countries choose their own destinies".

His tough stance, reminiscent of his "evil empire" rhetoric, seems designed to show worried conservatives that he has not gone soft on communism.

"Since the Soviets have a record of violating arms agreements, we're insisting on the most stringent verification regime in arms control history," he said.

US officials said reports that Mr Gorbachov was planning to announce at the summit a withdrawal of four Soviet divisions from Eastern Europe could only be speculation. They noted that the Russians have attempted to use the promise of troop withdrawals in the past to win Western confidence.

Political crisis in Haiti

Grim legacy of the Duvalier dynasty

By Our Foreign Staff

The road to elections 22 months *after the collapse* of the Duvalier family dictatorship in *Haiti had* been tumultuous and bloody. Last week grave doubts already existed that they would be called off, as arson and shooting attacks increased and the the army-dominated Provisional Government remained mainly on the sidelines.

Three days ago, after neighborhood groups started trying to provide the protection that had been denied by the Army, troops eventually started patrolling the streets, at least at night.

Amid *growing* fears of a security breakdown on elec*tion day*, the Army suggested in daily meetings last week *that it would provide* a helicopter for the nine-member *electoral council* that is organizing the poll. But Mr *Marc-Antoine Noel, the* council's executive director, said an army officer told him on *Friday that the* helicopter would not be available for "*technical reasons*".

General Namphy: Criticized for inaction during violence.

On Saturday morning, an air force *official, citing* "security reasons", prohibited the use of two rented helicopters in support of the elections. *The prohibition ensured that* some remote parts of the *mountainous country* would not have received ballots.

Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy, who has headed the Provisional Government from the start, pledged in one of his *first public statements* to lead the country to democracy. *But he only took the first* step, setting up an election *timetable, after frustrated Hai*tians poured into the streets in protest.

During the summer he tried to shift control of the election from the civilian council to the Army, which historians say stole the 1957 election for "Papadoc" François Duvalier. After being rebuffed in that confrontation, General Namphy ignored repeated requests from the electoral council for protection and administrative support.

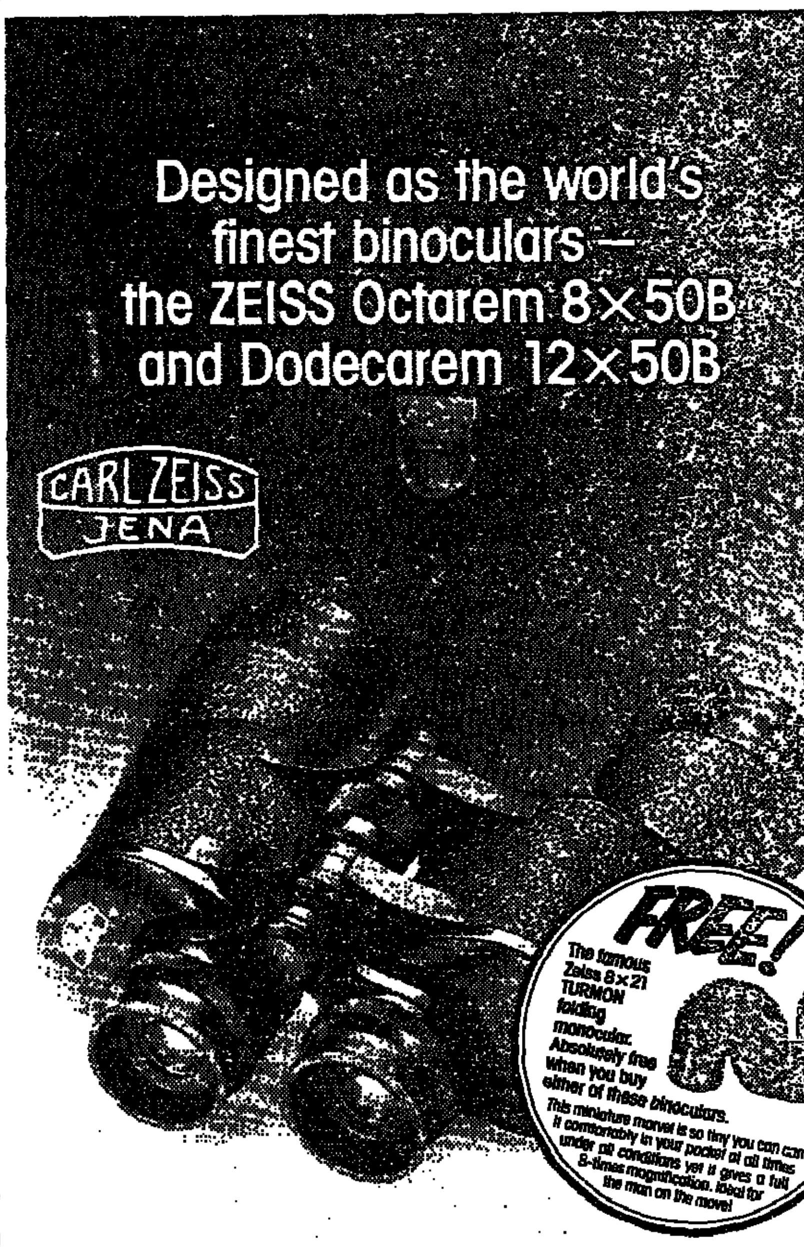
Early on, General Namphy disbanded the Tontons Macoutes, the thugs that the Duvaliers employed to *terrorize* the country. But he confiscated only some of their weapons.

There was never any indica*tion that General Namphy* had made a concerted effort to *contain violence. During* his tenure, more than 500 people are *believed to have been* killed, perhaps two or three *times more than the* number who lost their lives as the *former dictator, Jean-Claude* Duvalier, tried to save his crumbling rule.

The Duvalier loyalists denied any role in the violence, but many Haitians said that they and others who had benefited from the dictatorship stood to lose the most in an election.

The Caribbean nation's five million inhabitants are the poorest in the Western hemisphere and among the poorest in the world. Per capita income is about £200 a year and 85 out of 100 inhabitants are classified as living in absolute poverty.

Only 13 per cent of the population has access to potable water and thousands sleep in the streets without shelter, or other basic necessities.



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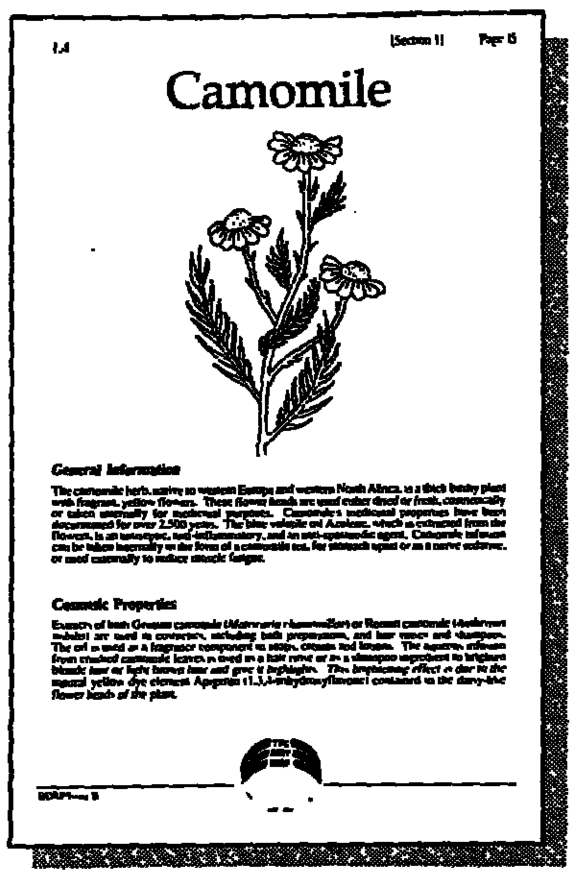

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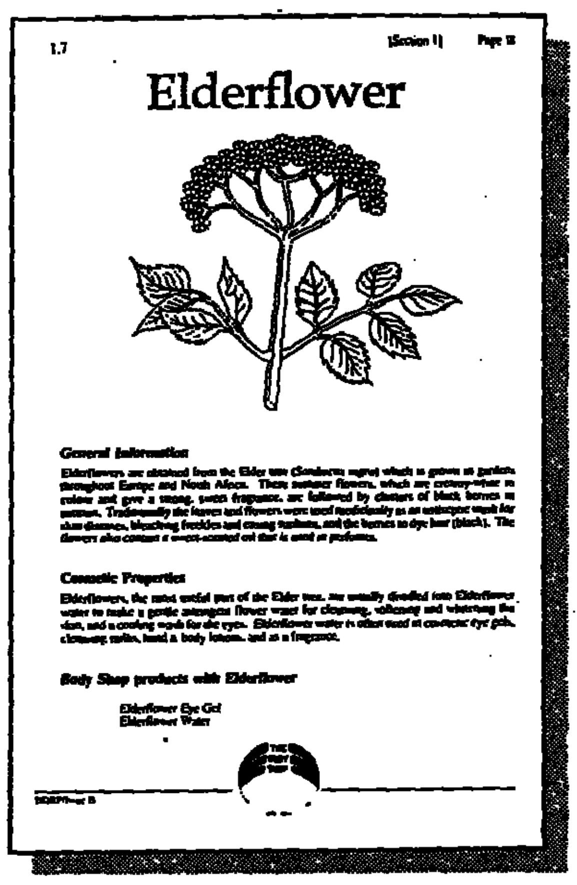

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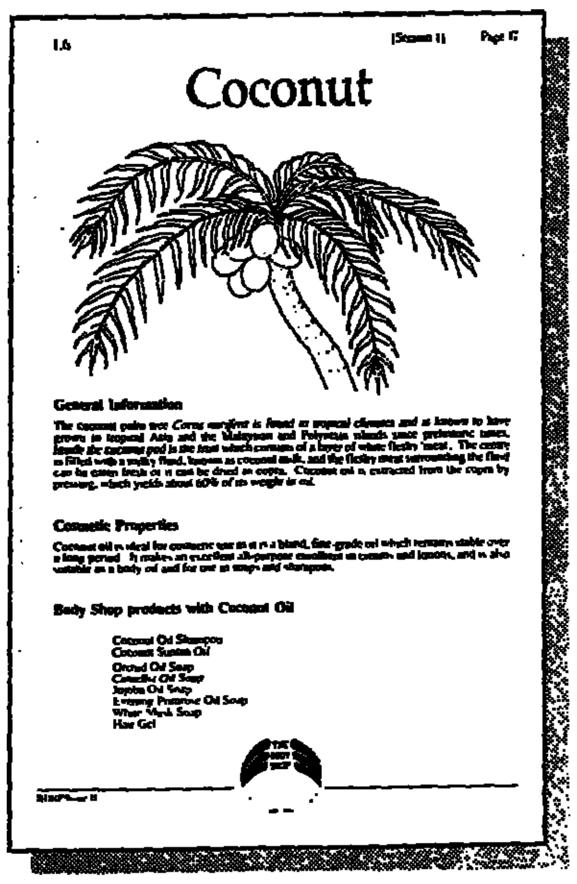

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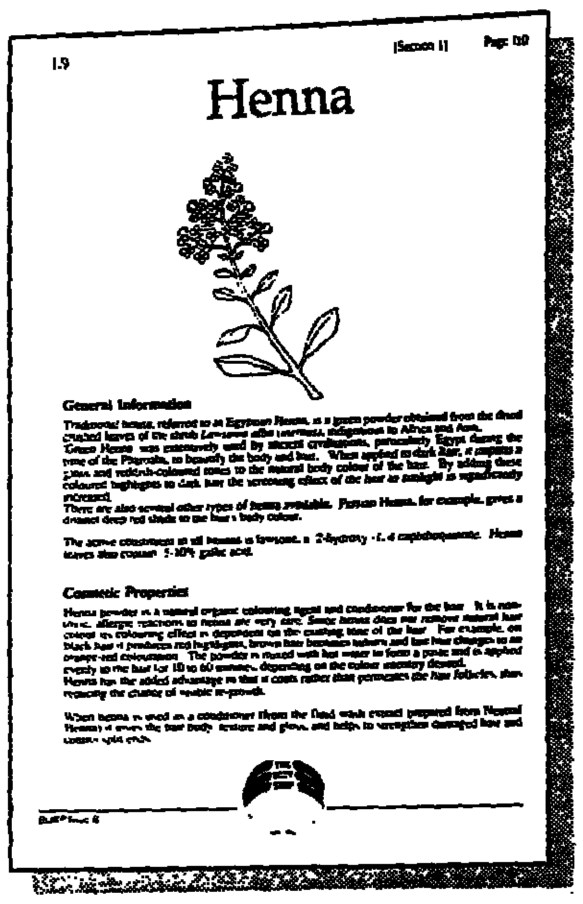

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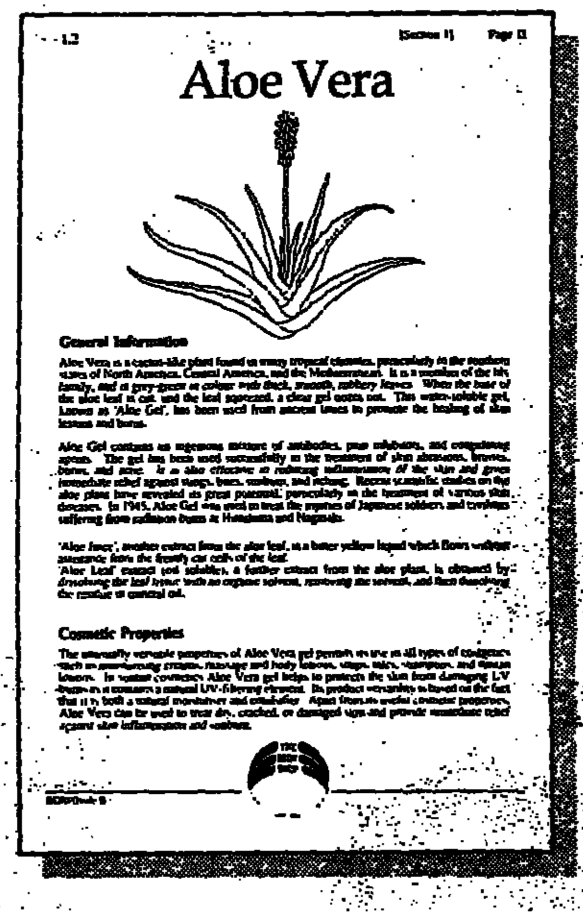

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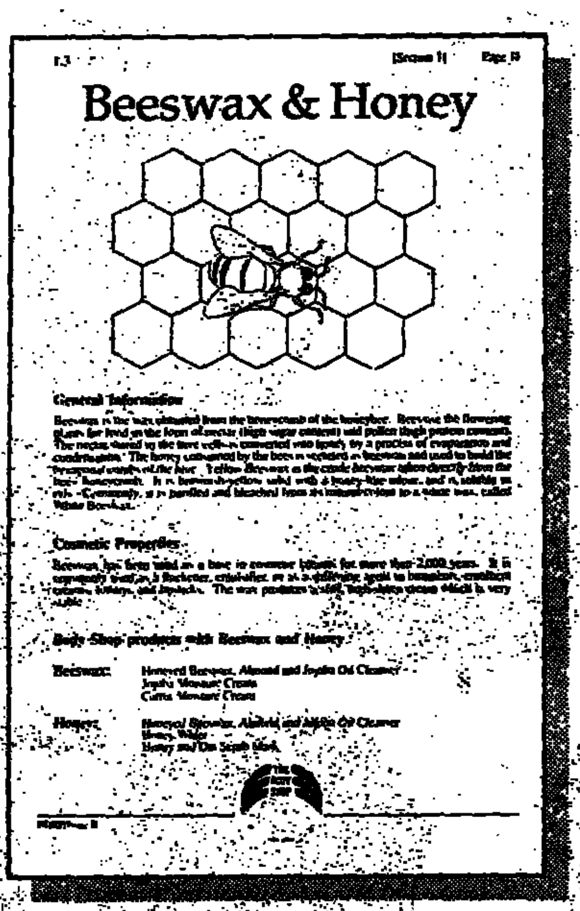

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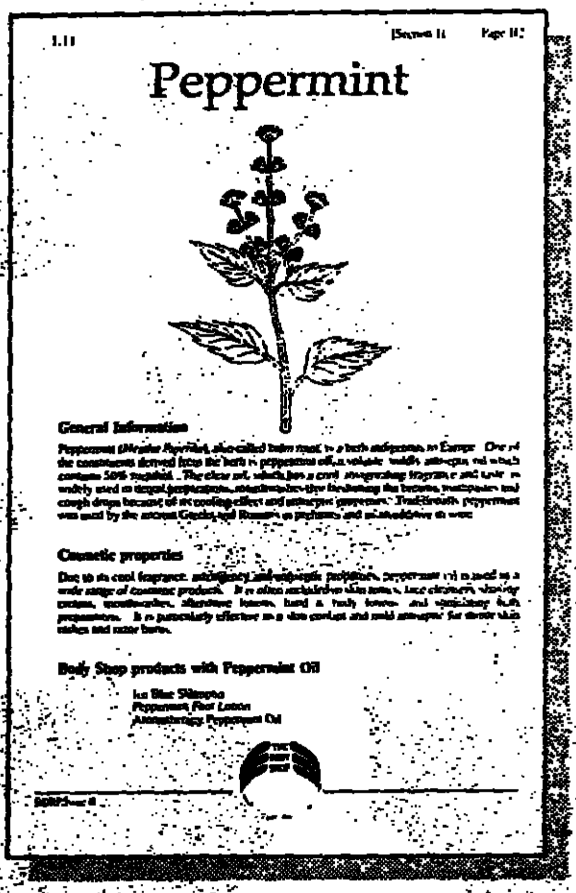

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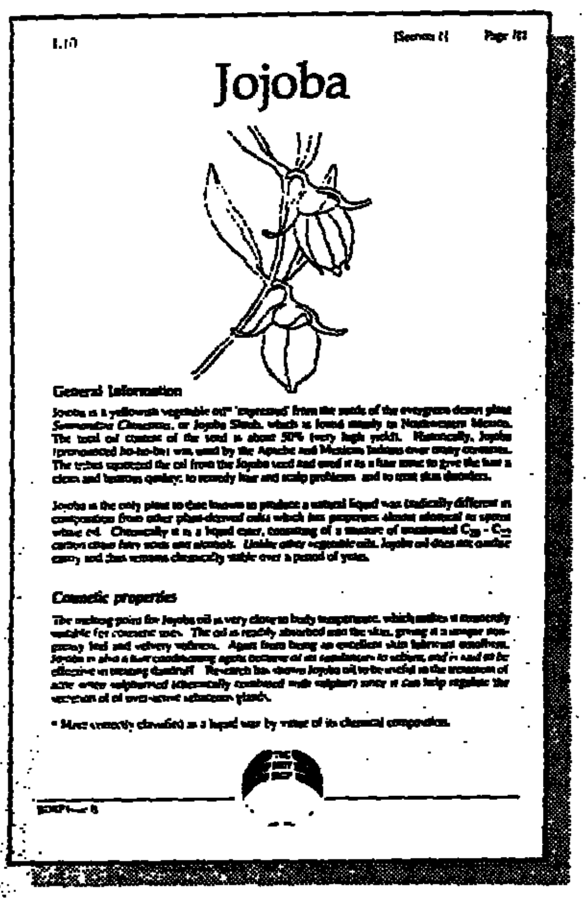

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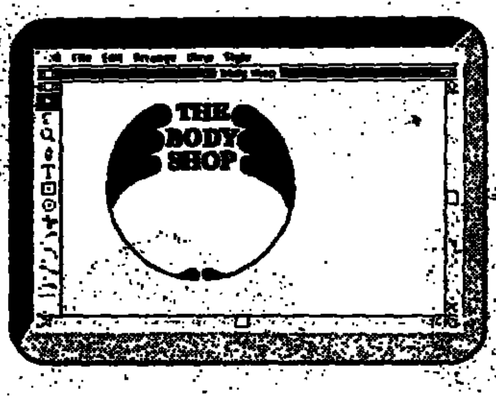

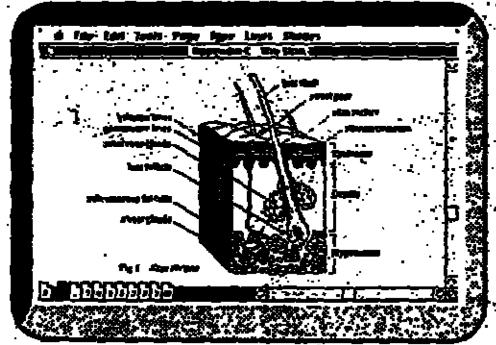

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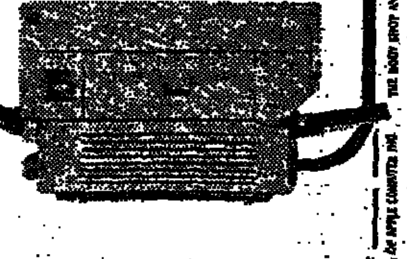

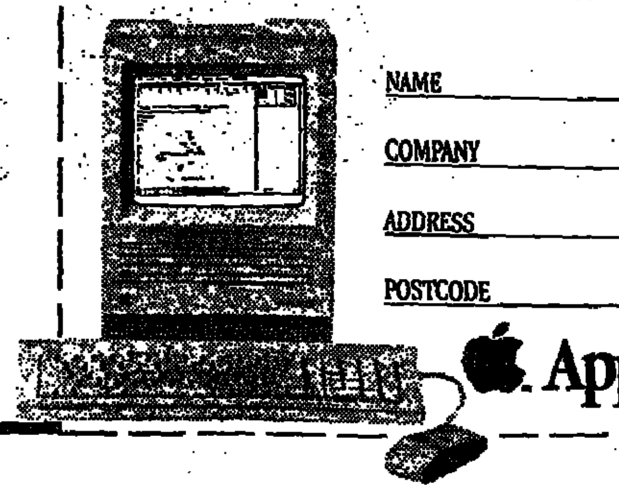

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Families mourn victims of South African jumbo jet crash

Mutilated bodies are found in sea

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Five bodies were recovered yesterday from the sea off the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius where a South African Airways (SAA) jumbo jet crashed on Saturday killing all 160 people on board.

An official at Plaisance airport in Mauritius said that ships carrying the bodies were expected to reach the island early today from the crash site, about 130 miles to the north-east.

Post-mortem examinations would be carried out by a Mauritian medical team assisted by South African representatives.

The official said the bodies recovered were badly mutilated, while in Johannesburg, Mr Nico Venter, the publicity director of South African Airways, said the identities were as yet unknown.

The air search for wreckage and bodies would be resumed at first light today, Mr Venter added. The sea search was called off because of heavy swells in the area.

Earlier yesterday, as experts began gathering in Mauritius to begin trying to establish the cause of the disaster, Mr Venter said efforts were being concentrated on trying to find the aircraft's black boxes.

"They are activated by water and the signal continues for about 30 days," he said.

However, it was revealed last night that no signals from the recorders have yet been picked up. Mr Eli Louw, the South African Minister of Transport, said the Government was arranging for the most modern equipment to be brought in to locate them.

Two South African military transport aircraft will go to Mauritius today, each carrying a helicopter, to join in the search.

Although there has been no official comment so far on suggestions that the Boeing 747, designed to carry both passengers and freight, was sabotaged, South Africa may have to look to Britain and Canada for help in unlocking the mystery of the tragedy.

Experts from the two countries were able to unravel the secrets of another mid-ocean disaster in 1985 — the Air India bombing which claimed 329 lives.

The SAA jumbo, with 141 passengers and 19 crew on board, crashed about 10 minutes before it was due to land after a non-stop flight of 5,330 miles from Taipei, capital of Taiwan.

Precisely 13 minutes before scheduled touchdown at Plaisance airport, Captain Dawie Uys, aged 49, commanding what was to be his last flight before retirement, radioed: "I have a smoke problem." No further message was received and experts said yesterday that they were puzzled by the crew's failure to transmit a mayday signal.

Mr Tom Chalmers, publisher of the aviation magazine, *World Airnews*, said in Durban: "An aircraft like that doesn't just fall straight out of the sky. Something really catastrophic must have happened within seconds." It was 15 hours before a five-nation fleet of ships and aircraft found any sign of it — an empty dinghy bobbing on the surface and a few suitcases.

The ocean depth in the area is about 10,000 feet and there are currents of about five knots which means that the wreckage of the aircraft, whether it blew up in the sky or disintegrated on impact, will already be scattered over a wide area.

Mr Venter, denied yesterday that the aircraft's departure from Taipei had been delayed by an hour by a bomb scare. He said it took off late because of the weather and because it was waiting for connecting passengers.

The passenger list, SAA said, comprised 53 South Africans, 47 Japanese, 30 Taiwanese, three people from Hong Kong, two Australians, two Mauritians, and one each from Britain, Denmark, The Netherlands, West Germany and South Korea. The 19 crew members were all South Africans.

The South African passengers included several leading businessmen and a party of travel agents returning home from a familiarization tour of the Far East. Most of the Japanese were seamen on their way to join trawlers based at Cape Town.

It was the worst air disaster this year and the worst in South African Airways' 53-year history. Newspapers here yesterday published some lurid accounts of the scene at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport where relatives and friends of the passengers had gathered, as well as speculation about what had happened to the aircraft.

The Johannesburg *Sunday Times* reported that it could have taken up to 10 minutes for it to hit the water after the pilot's last radio message — time enough, it said, perhaps for the passengers to have realized what was going on.

Airline will fly out the relatives

Taipei (Reuter) — Relatives of Japanese and Taiwanese passengers feared dead in the South African Airways disaster are to visit the area of the crash near Mauritius, company officials said yesterday. Mr Tinus Jacobs, SAA's manager here, said all transport and accommodation costs would be paid by the airline.

About 100 relatives of the 47 Japanese passengers would leave tomorrow, SAA's office in Tokyo said. The Japanese Foreign Ministry said two experts on teeth marks would go to Mauritius to help identify victims.

Relatives of all 30 Taiwanese passengers said they would also fly to Mauritius tomorrow. "I will go with the hope that my father could survive the crash," said one.

Mr Jacobs said SAA would compensate the bereaved families in accordance with international standards. "There will not be any difference in our compensation payments, despite different nationalities."

A senior SAA official, who dismissed talk of sabotage threats as "purely rumours", said the SA295 flight had taken off an hour late because of poor weather in Taipei that night.

Mrs Katsuko Tokunaga, the wife of a Japanese seaman who was on the crashed SAA jumbo jet, and her mother-in-law overcome with sorrow at their home in Japan yesterday.

French hostage saga

Ransom claim angers Chirac

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

As the two Frenchmen released from capivity in Beirut at the weekend begin to resume a life without handcuffs and hooded guards, the Government of M Jacques Chirac is preparing to face fierce pressure to reveal what price it had to pay for their freedom.

Although the Prime Minister has categorically rejected allegations that a sizeable ransom changed hands, most political observers here assume that M Jean-Louis Normandin and M Roger Auque could never have been freed without a French commitment to their captors — more probably to whoever controls the shadowy Revolutionary Justice Organization which held them.

M Chirac: Firm denial that ransom changed hands.

Since the kidnappers are adamant that they have received "positive gestures" from the various emissaries and intermediaries France used during the lengthy and delicate exercise to retrieve the hostages, M Chirac's angry reaction to the claim by the newspaper, *Le Monde*, that a straight financial deal had helped in the breakthrough, may have been deliberately ambiguous.

As newspapers here pointed out yesterday, there has never been an official denial of persistent rumours that about 10 million francs (about £1 million) was paid after the release of two other French hostages in June last year.

Even so, the word from sources "close to M Chirac" is that all demands by the kidnappers, believed to belong to the pro-Iranian camp, were rejected. According to insiders, the Prime Minister specifically ruled out any resumption of arms shipments to Iran.

Reading between the lines, it seems clear that France has been in contact, direct or otherwise, with the Iranian authorities. It is reasonable to assume that among the issues discussed was the resumption of diplomatic relations, severed earlier this year in the "war of the embassies" which came after French attempts to interview an Iranian employee, Mr Wahid Gordji, about terrorist bombings.

Mr Gordji has been holed up in the elegant building on Avenue d'Iéna ever since, and his case has undoubtedly obstructed efforts to normalize relations. Recent reports have hinted that a compromise allowing a dozen or so of the other Iranians also living behind the police barriers to leave is being discussed by the French Government: as a result, it is said, Mr Gordji might then agree to be questioned formally before being shown the door.

But, although there is understandable elation within M Chirac's entourage about the weekend's events (remember, there is a presidential election in less than six months' time), it is accepted that securing the freedom of the three remaining Frenchmen still held in Lebanon could be immensely tricky.

Captive seen who could be Waite

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Terry Waite's family were yesterday "heartened" by the sighting in Beirut of a hostage who fitted the description of the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy.

The report came from one of two Frenchmen who arrived in Paris at the weekend after they been released as hostages in the Lebanon. M Roger Auque, a photo-journalist, claimed that last March he heard a man speaking English with an English accent in the next room. He crawled to the door and through the keyhole snatched a glimpse of a tall man with a beard.

Yesterday M Auque disclosed that, just before they released him, his kidnappers had claimed that they were holding Mr Waite. "They said they had also kidnapped Charles Glass, the American journalist, but he had been set free," M Auque told Agence France-Presse. "They also said they had Terry Waite but he had not been released." According to M Auque, the man of whom he had caught a glimpse was grey-bearded, aged about 50, "and very thin".

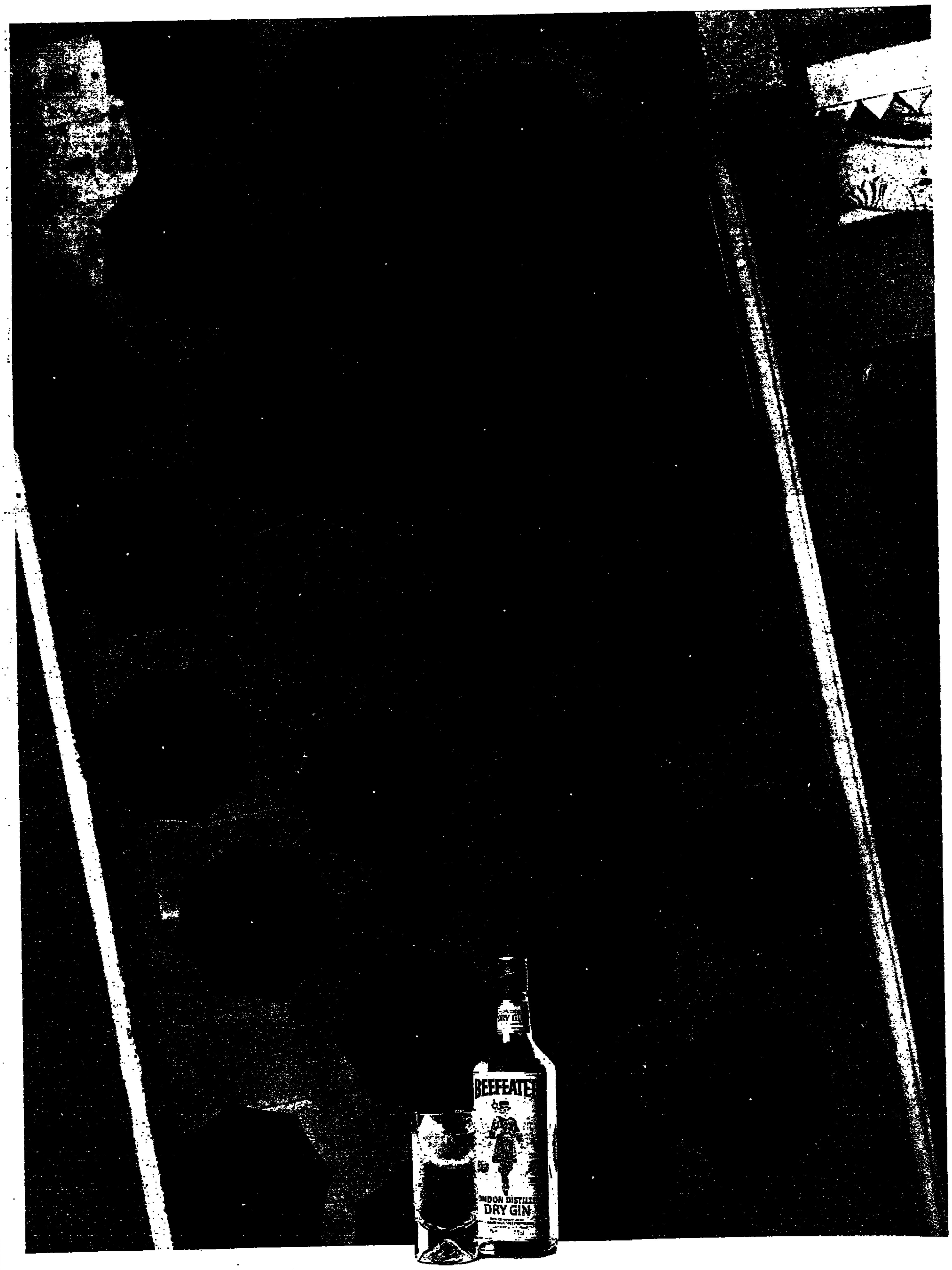
Although M. Auque's account will raise hopes of Mr Waite's eventual return, eight months have passed since that apparent sighting without any public message from whoever abducted him. None of the former hostages previously released have indicated publicly that they had met or heard of Mr Waite while in capitivity. M Auque said that the two American hostages he had briefly shared a room with had not been aware of any British citizens sharing their ordeal.

Mr Waite's cousin, Mr John Waite, said: "I don't know of any other hostage held in the Lebanon at the moment who would fit that description. The first thing you notice about Terry is that he is tall and has a beard."

He described the sighting as one of the most positive since his cousin was abducted last January when on a mission to negotiate the release of hostages in the Lebanon.

"We are very heartened by this news. The sighting is enough to keep us on course in our belief that Terry is still alive," said Mr Waite. "The report comes from someone who was covering the Terry Waite story in Beirut and whose job is observation."

A Lambeth Palace spokeswoman said: "We will follow up this report, but there is very little to go on at the moment. Many of the reports on Terry Waite from various sources in the Middle East conflict, but the common factor in all of them is that he is alive, so we are not surprised by this report."



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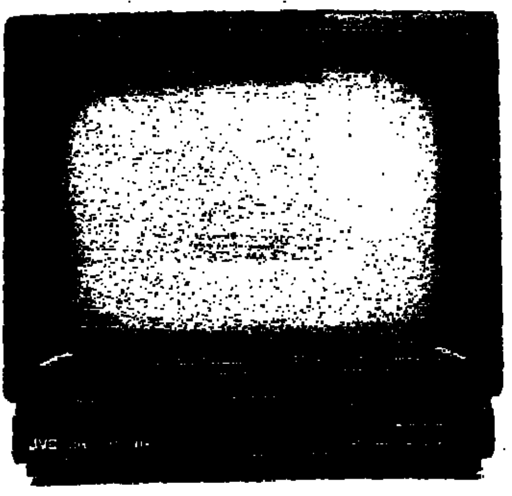

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Poles disregard call by Solidarity for referendum boycott

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

Preliminary estimates suggested yesterday that at least 60 per cent of Poland's 26 million eligible adults had voted in the country's first referendum for 41 years, despite a call by the banned opposition movement Solidarity for a boycott.

The referendum, called by General Woytiech Jaruzelski's Government in an attempt to harness popular support for "radical reform" of the economy, has aroused controversy.

Most Poles are all too aware that the last *referendum* in their country was rigged by the Communists, who forged ballot papers and resorted to mass intimidation.

Yesterday's referendum, although organized along more conventional lines, has still left many Poles sceptical. But it was clear that many Poles, even among groups who are far from pro-government, were turning out to vote.

Price rises, the spark which has ignited unrest in Poland in the past, seem in 1987 to be less explosive an issue than in the past.

Perhaps this is because living standards have fallen already so dramatically over the past few years that the period of relative stability of the 1970s seems remote. The Poles are now more concerned at shortages of goods than prices and are all too aware of the need for "drastic action".

At one polling office, where 80 per cent of the 2,000 eligible voters are pensioners, queues had formed by 9am. A younger Pole, a student, dismissed their support as based on fear. "They think they will get into trouble with the police if they do not turn up," he said.

Inside the polling offices, there seemed, however, to be more confusion over the procedure for voting than fear *of police intervention* at a later stage.

Against the two motions — one calling for support for "radical reform" and the other *for "the Polish model"* allowing greater participation in decision-making — there are two boxes marked respectively "Yes" and "No".

Unfortunately, to vote "Yes", voters must tick "No", *and this yesterday morning* was causing considerable confusion among older Poles in Warsaw.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government's spokesman, *claimed at a press conference* in the afternoon that the design of the ballot paper, although "wrong", would not damage the outcome.

Although psychologists had *told him of problems in the* design, television and other media guides on how to vote would reduce the risk of *confusion.*

Later, Mr Urban confirmed that police had dispersed "peacefully" a 500-strong demonstration against the *referendum after Mass at St* Bridget's Church in Gdansk.

Other demonstrations were also officially reported in Cracow and Nova Huta, but Mr Urban said police had not needed to use force to disperse demonstrators.

Confident Ozal shows Turks the way

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife, Semra, casting his vote in Istanbul yesterday as the country went to the polls to elect a new parliament. He seemed on course to win *his second five-year mandate in the republic's most democratic* elections since the military coup of September 1980 (Michael Dynes writes from Ankara). As *Turkey's 26 million voters were casting their ballots, the latest* public opinion polls suggested that Mr Ozal would secure between 35 and 38 per cent of the popular vote, about 15 per cent ahead of his nearest rival. Despite a last-minute surge in support for the main opposition leader, Mr Erdal Inonu of the Social Democratic Populist Party, *political analysts doubted that he would be able to deprive* Mr Ozal of an overall majority in the enlarged 450-seat National Assembly. In an *election* where voting was *mandatory for everyone over the age of 19,* and during which the sale of alcohol was prohibited, there was a distinct lack of excitement as the electorate voted for the sixth time since 1983. A decision by the Supreme Election Board, the republic's *election watchdog, to confiscate* yesterday's edition of the daily *Gunaydin,* after it published details of the Motherland Party's alleged post-election price rise plans, *was greeted with general* indifference. Apart from a small bomb discovered in a lavatory at the Ministry of Justice in Ankara, *and a fight between two rival Kurdish tribes in the south-east* Anatolian province of Bitlis, the election went off without incident.

Nicaragua lifts ban on church radio news

Managua (AFP) — The left-wing Sandinista Government in Nicaragua is to lift its ban on news broadcasts by the Roman Catholic radio station.

Radio Católica was forced off the air in January, 1986, for not carrying a speech by President Ortega. It was allowed to reopen *this September* after the Central American peace accord, but news broadcasts were banned.

●**Rebel deaths:** The Nicaraguan military intelligence chief said that 17,244 US-backed Contra rebels had been killed since 1982.

Visit off

Lusaka (Reuter) — President Kaunda of Zambia abandoned a one-day visit to Romania on Saturday when his plane had to abort its landing at fog-shrouded Bucharest airport after engine damage.

Aids test

Zaragoza (AFP) — Job applicants at the General Motors plant in Figueruelas, north-eastern *Spain,* will have to *take an Aids test.*

Killer leopard

Kathmandu (AFP) — A leopard has killed four children in *central* Nepalese villages this month, police said.

Bomb deaths

Lima (AFP) — Suspected left-wing guerrillas killed *four* government troops and wounded two in a bomb attack on a bridge in the central Peruvian province of Ayacucho.

Monks held

Peking (Reuter) — Eighty Tibetan monks who demanded that Chinese security forces should leave their monastery near Lhasa were arrested last week, a Chinese source said.

Player returns

Paris (Reuter) — Victor Avram, the Romanian rugby *player* who sought asylum in France this month, returned home at the weekend, Romanian Embassy sources said.

Airport shut

Moscow (Reuter) — Krasnoyarsk airport in Siberia was closed yesterday for the fifth consecutive day because of a shortage of fuel for planes, *Moscow Radio reported.*

Mbeki reads press his banned speech

From Michael Hornsby, Port Elizabeth

***The former national* chairman of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), Mr Govan Mbeki, declared here *at the weekend* that there would be no lasting peace in South Africa until Nelson Mandela and other political colleagues were released from *jail or* allowed home from enforced exile.**

Those still in prison, Mr Mbeki said, included "some of the great men of Africa and the best *and most glorious of* African youth" whose only crime was to have "come into conflict with the basic assumptions and structures of this very strange society in which we live".

Addressing reporters in a seafront hotel here, Mr Mbeki, *aged 77, who was freed* on November 5 after 23 years in jail on Robben Island, read out the text of the speech *which he had intended* to deliver at a mass open-air rally in a football stadium in nearby the black township of Zwide.

***The Acting Chief Mag*istrate of Port Elizabeth gave permission last Thursday for the rally to be held two days later. *But late on Friday* the *Eastern Province Divisional* Police Commissioner, Brigadier Ernest Schnetler, banned the meeting in the interests of "public safety".**

The rally organizers, a multiracial group of local church leaders, failed in an 11th-hour attempt to get the *ban lifted.*

A Supreme Court judge, summoned to Port Elizabeth from Grahamstown on Saturday afternoon, dismissed the *appeal with* costs, ruling that Brigadier Schnetler had acted within his rights under the state of emergency.

Reactor error adds to expatriate fears

From Peter Gillman
Hong Kong

The wind usually comes from the east, and it is from there that rain clouds arrived this month, ending the autumnal temperatures in *the upper 70s Fahrenheit* that are one of Hong Kong's attractions for its 10,000 expatriate British residents.

But sometimes the direction shifts to *the north, blowing in across the vast* land mass of the People's Republic of China, just 15 miles away.

The vagaries of the wind are of acute interest right now, after an episode that exposes the worst fears *in the* colony over the inexorable approach of 1997, when Britain's lease expires and Hong Kong returns to Peking's control.

The incident occurred at the nuclear power *plant* that China is building a short distance across the border on a barren site named Daya Bay.

Construction by a French-led building consortium began in *1985.* Hong Kong has a *quarter-stake* in the venture through the Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Consortium, headed by the colony's former Chief Secretary, the widely respected Sir *Jack Cater. Most of its electricity is intended for Hong Kong and it should* be ready by 1993. It is thus a shining example of the kind of joint enterprise that marks the increasing partnership between Hong Kong and China — "convergence" is the vogue word — as *1997 draws near.*

Nuclear shadow over Hong Kong

Part 1

But the scheme has gone embarrassingly awry. In September, not long after Hong Kong officials attended a ceremonial concrete-pouring, it was *discovered that the French* engineers had omitted 316 steel bars out of a total of 576 that were supposed to reinforce the foundations of one of the reactors. After Chernobyl, there could have been no more alarming [illegible] as Sir Jack admits. [illegible] undertaken to insert extra reinforcements, and promise that the [illegible] tions will be just as strong. "Everyone *is* very *determined* that *it* won't happen again," Sir Jack says.

In Hong Kong anxieties cannot be so easily allayed. For many British, Daya Bay confirms their deepest suspicions of Peking, as Sir Jack himself concedes. "There are a lot of people who find it hard to believe that this was not done by some Chinese who was not qualified," he says.

As a British businessman, who was unwilling to be named, put it: "When it gets down to the bottom line, you can't trust the Chinese, and they usually cock things up as well." Thus the radioactive clouds that would be wafted over Hong Kong from a Chernobyl-scale disaster provide an apt symbol of the impending threat to *the expatriates' way of life, from the* [illegible] Kong has no unemployment benefit, and *since up to £30 million may* be staked on a race meeting at the Happy Valley course, there is some truth in that. But among the Chinese community's *expanding middle* and professional classes, there is a vociferous intelligensia who believe that the British civil servants in the Hong Kong Government have *little regard for their interests* and who argue that Daya Bay bears that out.

Ms Christine Loh is managing director of an international trading company and *chair* of a watchdog group known as the Hong Kong Observers. She contends that Daya Bay reveals a disturbing vacuum of responsibilities, not only on site but also in the political arena. [illegible]

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State of emergency gets wheels of commerce turning in frustrated Bangladesh

Ershad acts to halt costly opposition strikes

By Michael Hamlyn, South Asia Correspondent

The people of Dhaka seemed yesterday to breathe a sigh of relief that the Bangladesh Government had at last acted firmly against the three-week-long agitation, aimed at toppling President Ershad, by imposing a state of emergency and suspending normal political activity and civil rights at the weekend.

The mood was also no doubt one of disappointment, for there is no doubt that President Ershad, who lifted martial law a year ago and who has maintained himself in power with a series of blatantly fraudulent elections, is an unpopular and uncharismatic figure. The Bangladeshis have not taken kindly to being cheated of their suffrage.

But there was resignation, too, for it was apparent that, while the opposition agitation was causing profound damage to the country's economy which it could ill afford, it was not stimulating the kind of mass mobilization that could topple a determined, well-armed leadership.

While the man in the street would no doubt like to see President Ershad go, he is not truly prepared to die for such a cause. The enthusiasm with which Dhaka's citizens took to normal business yesterday is evidence of a desire to get quickly back to normal. Banks and offices were open and, what is more, were conducting business transactions (something they have not done for two weeks past).

Last night Mr Moudud Ahmed, the Deputy Prime Minister, told me by telephone from Dhaka: "We have imposed the emergency to break this mad *hartal* (general strike) business, and it seems that we have been successful.

"The main reason for the imposition of the emergency has been the economic one. Imports and exports became almost impossible. The holding of ships in their anchorages has caused great damage, and even food grain ships have been stopped."

President Ershad: Press told to favour his regime.

The three weeks of the agitation have shown both the strengths and the weaknesses of the Ershad Government. They have shown that he was capable of moving effectively, when the need arose, as in the days before November 10, when the opposition alliances threatened a "Dhaka siege".

Then, he prevented the siege from succeeding by arresting more than 1,000 middle-rank political leaders and by interrupting road, rail and river transport.

When the day of action failed, and the opposition alliances began a petulant series of day-long or half-day general strikes, the determination of the parties was underestimated by the Government.

The people on the streets, throwing stones and firecrackers at the police were never present in vast numbers. The activists and the party cadres were there, assisted by under-employed youngsters with a taste for mayhem. But the vast majority of the four million inhabitants of the city stayed at home.

Last Friday, however, the situation began a qualitative change. Professional groups began to join in the action.

President Ershad, after democratically consulting his Cabinet — though no doubt after more pragmatically, consulting his generals — introduced his drastic emergency regulations.

The Opposition, from its hiding places, may at least congratulate itself that it has forced him to act despotically and has thereby put an even greater discount on his democratic credentials. The press has been told that its reporting must no longer be balanced but one-sided in the Government's favour — or else.

The new rules also apply to the foreign press, and to reinforce the point the Government is refusing to grant visas to foreign correspondents to visit. Further arrests have been made, including Mirza Ghulam Hafeez, acting president of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

The universities have been dispersed, with the vice-chancellor of Dhaka University telling students who wished to stay that he was unable to offer them any further protection from arrest, as he has been able to for the past three weeks. At the same time President Ershad is offering peace talks and holding out the possiblity of mid-term elections, if all sides agree.

And the Army has not been called in. Peacekeeping is still being done by police, police auxiliaries, and the paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles.

It has been said that the Army told President Ershad, their former commander for eight years, that they did not want to get involved on the streets, waging war on their own people.

Paramilitary troops patrolling Dhaka yesterday after a curfew was reintroduced in the city.

It would only be if the situation on the streets got so out of control that the Army felt compelled to move that it would begin to fulfil that part of the Opposition planners' scenario which imagines a military coup.

According to this script, the coup would be followed by the installation of a President acceptable to both the military and the political parties (the name being mentioned is that of retired Air Vice-Marshal A.K. Khandker, former High Commissioner in Delhi and now a minister) and the holding of elections.

So far things have not got that bad.

President offers to call fresh elections

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

President Ershad, in a televised address to the nation at the weekend, offered to call fresh elections before those next scheduled in 1991. He said he was also ready to hold a dialogue with the Opposition on an agreed procedure for free polls.

"I assure you elections can be held ahead of time if there is an agreement on the date and procedure after discussions," the President said, but added that he would not surrender to any "undemocratic pressure"to step down.

"I have taken an oath in the name of Allah and the Constitution and I shall remain loyal to that oath," said the retired army leader, aged 57.

As he spoke to the nation on Saturday evening, five cities were under curfew after emergency orders were introduced banning political activities, suspending fundamental rights and imposing press curbs. After an eight-hour recess in the curfew yesterday, the authorities reimposed it for another 14 hours in Dhaka, the two seaports of Chittagong and Khulna, Narayanganj and Rajshahi.

Gibraltar talks to resume in London

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, his Spanish colleague, will wearily resume negotiations on joint use of Gibraltar airport in London on Wednesday, having failed in 10 hours of talks on Friday and Saturday to bridge differences over the sovereignty problem raised by Spain.

Sir Geoffrey, looking tired and serious, read a short statement claiming "useful progress" had been made. Señor Fernández Ordóñez, more pessimistically, acknowledged "some advances", although he emphasized the legal, political and technical civil aviation problems which remain.

Both ministers referred all their outstanding differences to Wednesday's meeting in which the two countries' transport ministers will also participate. So delicate is the stage reached that they refused to give any details.

If an agreement is reached in London, in time for next Monday's EEC transport ministers meeting on the European air fares liberalization package, there will be widespread surprise in Madrid. An agreement would surely be controversial and unlikely to satisfy the conflicting interests over sovereignty.

The Spanish Foreign Minister's words during the marathon negotiations, that he would prefer no agreement to "signing a bad one," clearly reflected instructions from Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister.

It has to be said that no popular demand is discernible among Spaniards for cheaper fares, while an outcry would obviously go up if the Socialist Government was, in Spanish eyes, to give anything away on Gibraltar.

Señor González positioned himself accordingly prior to the Foreign Secretary's visit. Señor Abel Caballer, Spain's Transport Minister, will come to London full of reservations about the economic benefits for him of deregulation.

Spanish sources, while claiming determination still exists to try to reach an agreement, suggest that Madrid will block progress unless Britain changes its attitude over Spanish participation in handling traffic and passengers at Gibraltar airport.

Spain is still looking for technical advantages which it can present domestically as progess in the sovereignty dispute. Thus Madrid wants a say in what third-country airlines might use the airport, a presence in the control tower in Gibraltar, and air space brought under Seville. There is no agreement over Britain's proposal that Spain should build a new terminal on its own territory.

In a leading article, "Deadlock over Gibraltar", *El Pais*, the influential Madrid daily, yesterday spoke of Spain's "obligatory" defence of the national interest over Gibraltar.

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President offers to call fresh elections

From Ahmed Fazl
Dhaka

President Ershad, in a televised address to the nation at the weekend, offered to call fresh elections before those next scheduled in 1991. He said he was also ready to hold a dialogue with the Opposition on an agreed procedure for free polls.

"I assure you elections can be held ahead of time if there is an agreement on the date and procedure after discussions," the President said, but added that he would not surrender to any "undemocratic pressure" to step down.

"I have taken an oath in the name of Allah and the Constitution and I shall remain true to that oath," said the retired army leader, aged 57.

As he spoke to the nation on Saturday evening, five cities were under curfew after emergency rules were introduced banning political activities, suspending fundamental rights and imposing press [illegible] after an eight-hour [illegible] the curfew yesterday [illegible] reimposed [illegible] 14 hours in Dhaka [illegible] ports of Chittagong [illegible] Narayanganj [illegible]

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Why it cost American taxpayers $8 million to send Rawhide and Rainbow off to the ranch

When President Reagan sits down at his desk in Washington this morning, it will not be surprising if part of his mind is still in California. For the President and his wife Nancy have just returned – yet again – from a trip to their ranch.

The Rancho del Cielo, high in the Santa Ynez mountains, lies 29 miles north of Santa Barbara. On a clear day, the Pacific Ocean, with its chain of islands, spreads out in front as far as the infinite horizon. Behind the adobe ranch house, the hills are green after the autumn rains, and the air is heady with the scent of eucalyptus.

The family has been at its West Coast home for four days of Thanksgiving holiday: the Reagans, like all American families, have dined on a menu of roast turkey with all the trimmings, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, waldorf salad, persimmon pudding and monkey bread.

By this morning, President Reagan will have spent about one year out of his almost seven years in office on holiday, on the ranch. They call them "working vacations" . . . and so they should be, for the American taxpayer has paid dearly for 365 days at the ranch, so that the old cowboy can ride his own range, cut back his brush from the trails, build his fences, clean up his lake and battle with his rattlesnakes.

Estimates put the cost of the Reagans' holidays since they moved to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue from the California state capital at more than $8 million. Some of the expenses would be incurred if the President remained in Washington, but the extensive use of the ranch has proved to be astonishingly expensive. To install "Rawhide and Rainbow", the Secret Service codes for the President and first lady, in their modest five-room ranch house, takes an operation of military complexity.

The President flies to California aboard Air Force One, a modified Boeing 707, which deposits him at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station on the California coast, some 40 miles south of Santa Barbara. From there, Marine One, the presidential helicopter, whisks them to the mountain-top ranch. Air Force One costs more than $6,000 an hour to fly, making the return trip to Washington, some 3,000 miles away, a hefty $60,000 proposition.

But Air Force One has to be followed by a back-up plane, and the National Emergency Airboard Command Post, the so-called "Doomsday Plane", which would become the government command post in the case of nuclear attack. Assuming their cost to be at least the equal of Air Force One, they add another $115,000 to the presidential holiday price tag.

The presidential helicopter is a bargain at $900 an hour, but it needs at least two additional helicopters to accompany it, bringing the cost to $11,000 for the round trip between Point Mugu and the ranch.

The Reagans take along an entourage that includes at least a dozen staff members, two dozen military communications experts, a dozen drivers and their aides and a minimum of 24 Secret Service agents – all on full pay plus expenses. Those who can't be accommodated on Air Force One fly on commercial airlines or go by military transport, which costs thousands more.

Then comes security, which goes into overdrive whenever the Reagans stray from the ranch. On a recent outing to a Republican barbecue, there were two limousines, three Secret Service vehicles, 17 highway patrol cars, two Santa Barbara motorcycle policemen, and six extra local police officers. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office alone reckons it spends about $10,000 every time Reagan "comes off the hill", and the city police supply 30 to 40 officers for every jaunt.

The smallness of the ranchhouse means a bonanza for local hotels, which accommodate most of the Secret Service men, the White House physician, and the military officer who carries the nuclear war codes.

Many of the Reagan's dearest friends live in Los Angeles, so most holidays include a few days in the LA Century Plaza Hotel's presidential suite – five-room penthouse which costs $3,000 a night. The floors directly below, 16 suites in all, which start at $800 a night, are filled by the security staff. A four-night stay costs around $63,000. Throw in the fact that the rest of the presidential entourage occupies another 200 rooms and the bill comes to $132,000 – not counting security.

It all adds up to one huge price for a Thanksgiving dinner – although the Reagans actually pay for the food on their table themselves.

Ivor Davis

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Green keeper of England

Christopher Thacker is the man behind a remarkable work which records for all time the heritage of England's historic gardens. Simon Tait went to see him

It was a quotation from *Candide* that began Dr Christopher Thacker's love affair with our oldest and most beautiful gardens.

"That is well said," Voltaire had his hero say, "but we must cultivate our garden."

Thacker went away and did precisely that . . . and set out on the path which inspired him to compile the *Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England*, which has just been finished.

The register has already been put to practical use – compiling an assessment of gale damage. "It is an extraordinary accident of fate that we should have it exactly at the crucial time," Thacker says.

He began working on the register three years ago and has now published the 44th, and final volume – on London. The register grades, on behalf of English Heritage, 1,200 gardens which local authorities are asked to take into account when they are considering planning applications.

"It has no statutory power. We are merely saying that this is something good that you have, please be aware that you've got it. The response has been very encouraging," he says.

There is, for instance, the 18th century Moot, at Downton, Wiltshire. After evidence last year from Thacker – called in like a forensic scientist to turn a murder trial on its head – the planning authority prevented it from being developed, bought it, and kept it open as a public park.

Twenty five years ago, Thacker, now aged 56, was secretary to a Greek mining magnate. But after four years he decided the business life was not for him and he "retrained as an egghead". That was where Voltaire stepped into his life. He did his doctorate in French comparative literature, and was struck by the final words of *Candide*.

"I discovered where that garden was. It had belonged to the Emperor Julian the Apostate, one of Voltaire's heroes. It was on the shore of the Hellespont, about 350 AD. I wrote my doctorate about Voltaire and Rousseau as gardeners in the 18th century."

Thacker moved on to teach French at Reading University, and developed his own love of gardening: his is a half acre attached to a thatched cottage in the Berkshire village of Midgham Green. That love led him to write what has become a standard work, *The History of Gardens*. "I'd made a corner in gardens and my employers said that it wasn't the right corner for them, so I left and started the register," he says.

The register brought its surprises. Someone who had heard about it telephoned to tell him about the garden a friend had inherited at Bitchet Wood in Kent. "I found a perfect imitation of a classical Japanese garden, designed from Josiah Conder's *Landscape Gardens in Japan* of the 1890s – they'd even got a Japanese designer over. It's probably the best in the country, and I knew nothing about it."

And in London, there was Belair in Dulwich, created as a private sanctuary in 1785 and turned public in 1938; or St George's Gardens near King's Cross Station, a disused cemetery turned into a garden a century ago, which is "almost invisible".

English Heritage receives no money from the Treasury to help preserve gardens, but a place on Thacker's register can still be important. "A listing contributes to whether or not an associated historic building will be funded," he explains. A moderately historic Grade II pile may be borderline for a grant, but its Grade I garden (there are 110) could swing it.

Next Thacker has a book on three important gardens – Painshill, in Surrey, Fonthill and Stourhead, both in Wiltshire – then a tour of American universities lecturing about gardens. His current favourite? "Stowe (in Buckinghamshire) with its 35 monuments and its secret garden. That's my favourite now."

The register can be seen at local planning offices; or bought from the HBMC Store, Room 32, Building One, Vision Way, Victoria Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex; £2.86 (incl postage)

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Christopher Thacker at Belair Park in Dulwich

Peter Bastow

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Thacker on Great Dixter garden in East Sussex

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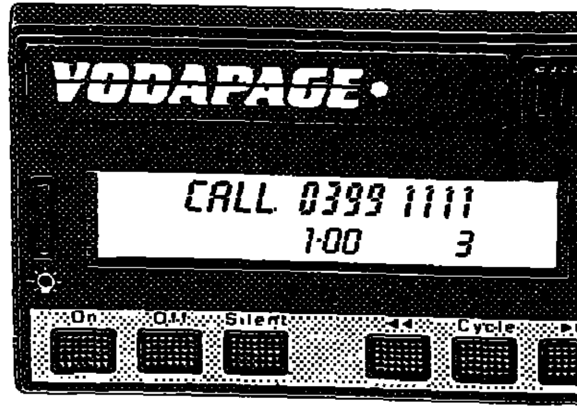

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Creaming off the gold top cattle

Amid rows over human embryos, scientists claim a breakthrough with animals

A group of scientists in Ireland may have achieved a breakthrough in genetic engineering which could revolutionize cattle breeding and transform the prospects for agriculture in developing countries.

That is the claim made for Professor Ian Gordon and his team of researchers at University College, Dublin, although their British counterparts feel that it is probably premature.

Embryo transfer, utilising only the best breeding stock, has long been seen as the most promising means of improving the quality of both beef and dairy herds. If available on a mass scale, Third World farmers would, for example, be able to replace their present poor quality animals with the best European or North American stock.

So far, however, it has proved much too costly and time consuming to attract more than a handful of farmers and breeders. But last week the Irish threw caution to the winds by claiming the most significant achievement yet in the technology of livestock breeding, more important even than artificial insemination which it would completely replace within the next few years.

The technique which they say they have perfected utilizes the eggs from newly slaughtered cows, which are taken from the abattoir to a laboratory. There they are incubated to maturity, fertilized and implanted as seven day old embryos in breeding cows, similar to those used in artificial insemination.

The technique is also said to offer the prospect of a dramatic increase in productivity by allowing two embryos to be implanted at the same time. This is of considerable interest to farmers in Europe, where cuts in dairy production are already making themselves felt in a shortage of calves.

The first "test tube twins" have already been born on the Lyons Estate experimental farm in the Irish Republic. In due course the scientists expect to be able to sex the embryos, so that, for example, a female Friesian dairy calf could be "twinned" with a male Aberdeen Angus.

In recent years the fashion has been for dual-purpose crosses between beef and dairy herds. This is by a way of a compromise between the need for female progeny which become adequately prolific milkers and males which produce reasonable quality beef. By being able to select the sex in advance, farmers will be able to revert to breeding cattle for specific purposes.

British scientists are tending to take a sceptical view of the Irish claims. Dr Chris Polge, scientific director of Animal Biotechnology Cambridge Ltd, which has been doing similar research, says that from a commercial point of view they appear exaggerated.

Although considerable progress has been made, much more field testing is still needed, he says. Strict regulatory procedures must be developed in order to prevent the spread of disease from abattoirs, and there are difficulties about twinning embryos of different sexes, such as the likelihood that the female will be sterile.

But Mr Alastair McGuckian, chairman of the Masstock group, which has financed much of the Irish research and has formed a new subsidiary, Ovamass, to develop and market the technique commercially, is adamant that it will be able to make embryos available "in thousands" within a matter of months.

John Young

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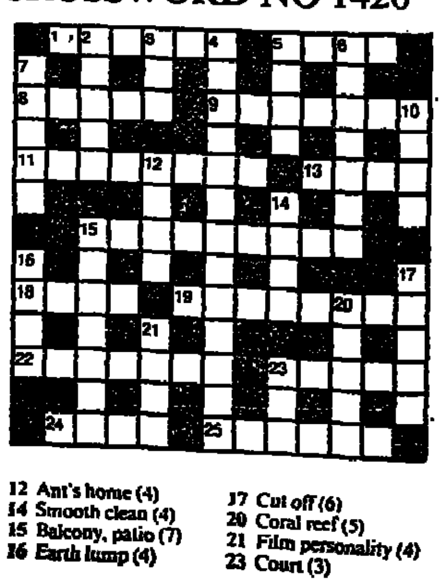

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An unheard cry for freedom

There used to be one in London zoo. Thirty years ago we were licensed to shoot them. Now, reports **Sam Kiley**, the harmless and non-political Bushmen of Namibia are the most threatened tribe on the African continent

The last of the Bushmen living in the traditional way of the hunter-gatherer face extinction. By a steady process of dispossesion, genocide and exploitation, they have been driven into a tiny area of Namibia in southern Africa.

"Twelve thousand Bushmen have been left with one permanent water hole and 60,000 sq km (Eastern Bushmanlan) – enough to sustain 250 people as hunter-gatherers," says John Marshall, a trustee of the Bushman Foundation, who has lived with the Bushmen since his father discovered the last of the hunter-gatherers in 1950.

The Bushmen, and their cousins, the Hottentots, were the original inhabitants of the South African sub-continent. They were driven out of the fertile areas by the cattle-owning Bantu, who flooded south from central Africa. When whites arrived in the 17th century, Bushmen were driven deeper into the inhospitable Kalahari.

By the end of the Second World War, Namibian Bushmen occupied an area of 600,000 sq km in eastern Namibia, which contained enough water sources to sustain a population of 12,000. In 1970 the South African government expropriated 90 per cent of the Bushmen's communal land as part of the "homeland" policies of apartheid.

Bushmen are small: the average height of the men is about five feet four inches, and the women barely make five feet. They have no leaders. Individuals take the lead when their talents suit the situation. A nomadic people, always on the verge of starvation, the Bushmen cannot afford to indulge in politics. They have become Africa's pre-eminent victims.

They were shot on sight in white farming areas because they were believed to be inveterate killers of cattle. In the Cape Province, until the 1870s, the British hunting fraternity found Bushmen more exotic quarry than fox.

A Bushman died in the primate section of London Zoo at the turn of this century and the last permit to shoot Bushmen as vermin was issued in British Bechuanaland (Botswana) as recently as 1953.

Semi-naked Bushmen, armed with bows and arrows, were considered dangerous half-humans. Today in Namibia, "Bushman" has become a dustbin racial category for anyone without a home or job.

A Bushman called !Hou (the ! is pronounced by sucking one's tongue down from the roof of one's mouth as if one had just sucked a lemon) is one of only a few thousand who are still able to hunt in the traditional way of 'the old people'. "Now, the children go to school – so they don't learn how to hunt," he says.

!Hou has a wife and two children who are, like all Bushmen children, doted upon. Women have very low fertility rates because of their poor diets and because children are wet-nursed for at least three years.

!Hou hunts for his family nearly every day, for small game like the steenbok and spring hares or the larger antelope and giraffe.

Bushmen now wear western clothes, though they often strip off when hunting to reduce noise. While !Hou hunts, his wife Kashe takes their two children gathering brandy berries.

Two days spent hunting with the Bushmen for both large and small prey yielded one large frog – the result of the steady expropriation of the Bushman's land and the massacre of game over the last few centuries. The Bushmen are a gentle people. They impose nothing of themselves on others, still less upon their environment; but this has been their undoing.

The Bushmen are now being encouraged by John Marshall and the Bushman Foundation to herd cattle and plant gardens. Marshall is also trying to motivate the Bushmen to fight for representation at government level. There are two Bushman Members of Parliament, but they serve parties unallied to the Bushmen, who distrust anyone with political inclinations.

"The principle is survival," Marshall says. "The romantic notion of the Bushmen being able to live on dew, fresh air, and roots has to go. If they don't farm cattle, they will starve. The men still hunt with bows and arrows, the women still gather. But it is becoming harder and harder to survive."

Only one alternative has offered itself for the Bushmen: to join the South African Defence Force (SADF). The !Kung from Angola have become a military race entirely dependent on the army. Other Bushmen work as security guards in towns; women mostly turn to prostitution. In nearby Tsumkwe the Bushman are housed in concrete huts. Army veterans hang around begging tobacco from passers-by in return for a few minutes in the hut with their wives or sisters.

The Ju/wasi (!Hou's people), squeezed into Eastern Bushmanland, have resisted recruiting attempts by the SADF. They survive as hunter-gatherer farmers, but Namibia plans to introduce trophy hunting in Bushmanland, thus reducing game, the main source of protein for Bushmen. Lions and elephants have also been encouraged to enter Bushmanland; lions attack cattle, common; elephants destroy crops.

Ultimately the main problem may be the very cattle who are now the Bushmen's alternative to starvation. Farming cattle has forced the Bushmen to become sedentary, but the small foraging areas are becoming badly overgrazed. Eventually, Eastern Bushmanland will become a desert, with nowhere left for the Bushmen.

The hunter's fear of extinction: Bushmen like this one hunt for food with a concern for the environment, but their own land is under threat from outside forces. Unless there is a radical change of policy, Bushmanland will eventually turn to desert

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Porter's largesse

Lady Porter's Tory regime at Westminster City Council may not be offering such value for money after all. Under the threat of litigation, councillors are tonight set to recommend awarding four officers a possible total of £51,451 in overtime and performance back pay – despite legal advice that no enforceable claim exists. A confidential report now in my hands reveals that the bonuses are the result of "informal assurances" given by an all-Tory sub-committee, supposedly with advisory status only, headed by Lady Porter herself. Ironically, she has since unsuccessfully warned colleagues that, at a time of waste cutting, it would be political dynamite to pay the extra to the present chief executive, his predecessor, the ex-city solicitor and the current treasurer (who alone stands to gain £22,164). Paul Dimoldenberg, the Labour leader, has told the district auditor that the payments could be illegal. "It's a scandal that ratepayers should foot the bill for irresponsible promises made by Tory councillors in private," he says.

Going dry

At least somebody is taking Edwina Currie seriously. From today the House of Commons bars will carry notices advising MPs that non-alcoholic beers and wines are now available. Charles Irving, chairman of the catering committee, tells me the move is part of a wider campaign to help MPs and Westminster's 6,500 employees lead a healthier life. After the Christmas recess a nutritionist will visit the restaurants twice a week to give dietary advice. "No doubt everyone will still choose chips and spotted dick with custard," he admits dolefully. "But we can offer encouragement."

Bonne femme

Relegated to the diplomatic sidelines for next week's Reagan-Gorbachov summit, the French are comforting themselves with the choice of a chef from the Dordogne to preside over the White House catering. Solange Gardillou, who with her husband runs the outstanding Moulin du Roc at Champagnac de Belair caught Nancy Reagan's eye with her rich *cuisine périgourdine* at the John McEnroe-Tatum O'Neal wedding in Florida. She is experienced enough to cope with kitchen crises: her cooking career began when her head chef had a heart attack while preparing a grand Sunday lunch and she was bundled into the kitchen to take over

BARRY FANTONI

'Really embarrassing. I've just seen Arabella's mother in a mini-skirt'

Capers

Lord Chelwood is seeking answers from right-wing Conservative MP John Carlisle, chairman of the *soi-disant* All Party British-South Africa Parliamentary Group. He is reacting to a letter from Carlisle that promised (for the price of the group's £1 subscription) luncheon with the South African ambassador, help in visits and "an opportunity to buy cases of South African wine at competitive prices". Chelwood has replied quarrelling with Carlisle's boast that it is the largest all-party group in Parliament and asking him to withdraw his claim that it enjoys affiliation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (it doesn't). Chelwood is instead joining the group's newly created rival, the more liberal Southern African Group – "as a pro-Thatcher, anti-sanctions Tory peer with rising damp," he says.

● Joanna Foster, whom the Home Secretary has just made chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, will style herself just that: chairman. "It's just English usage," she says, brushing aside 20 years of feminist theory.

Pie-eyed

Pizza and memories of romance kept Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, from the Commons last Thursday. While MPs debated a Labour motion to spend more on the NHS, the former DHSS overlord was at the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory's 10th birthday party in Hanover Square. Fowler confided that the pizza house has occupied a special place in his affections since he used it in the Seventies as a rendezvous for wooing his wife, Fiona, then a Commons library researcher. The gooey-eyed stuff over the gooey pies proved catching. No sooner had Fowler left for the House than proprietor Bob Payton announced *his* engagement.

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BCal's unsuitable suitor

by Nicholas Soames

However dedicated we may be to the cause of European unity and free trade, the proposed "merger" between British Caledonian and Scandinavian Airlines System raises disturbing questions. We must ensure that this does not prove to be a one-way journey for the British airline industry.

SAS's technical qualifications as a suitor for BCal are not in question. It is natural enough that it should be seeking partners to help take it into the world league. But SAS is a most unusual company. It is the property of three nations – Sweden, Norway and Denmark – via national holding companies in which the respective governments have a 50 per cent stake. Some of their so-called private shareholders are state banking and financial institutions. The three countries effectively own the airline in the proportion of three parts to Sweden and two each to Norway and Denmark.

Not only is SAS effectively the property of a consortium of foreign states but is more than 70 per cent non-EEC owned. That is a major consideration at a time when the EEC, at long last, looks like taking some effective steps to enforce real competition among the airlines of member states.

If SAS, or its parent governments, had been on the side of the angels in the matter of a deregulated European airline system, we might have less cause for concern. But it has not, and is unlikely to be. The Scandinavian governments, defending their monopoly international airline, have a record of entrenched resistance to greater competition or lower fares within Europe.

It is a policy that SAS has faithfully supported for years, and its view is hardly likely to change if it becomes the effective owner of BCal. In that case a most interesting position will arise.

Our present government's enthusiasm for European liberalization has been fully matched, for sound commercial reasons, by all Britain's major airlines, with British Airways in the lead. Are we now to see the government trying to throw open the window to the fresh air of competition, and Britain's second largest airline trying to slam it again?

Two-way foreign investment has been good for Britain. Over the decades, American and European companies have created tens of thousands of jobs, raised our standards of living and helped our balance of payments as their British subsidiaries became major exporters in their own right. Today, British investors are returning the compliment, particularly in the US, on a scale that has not been seen since the 19th century. Britain will be the richer for it.

Airlines may one day join that process by becoming truly multinational, and I hope they do. I see no objection at all in principle, if only because our aviation industry has much to offer to the world. But it must be a two-way road. Does anyone seriously believe that, under the present rules of the game, British Airways would be allowed to buy a major interest in Air France, or Lufthansa, or Swissair?

The plain fact is that even the most competition-minded of European governments – and the Scandinavians are far from that – throw a wall around their national institutions to prevent exactly the kind of acquisition that SAS appears to have in mind. It is very doubtful if any of them would permit even the relatively modest investment that KLM has recently made in a substantial British international airline, Air UK.

This does not mean that British Airways must at all costs win control of BCal; there may be excellent arguments why the prize should go to other British contenders such as Air Europe or British Midland, and it is for the shareholders to choose. British Airways is big enough to fight its own battles.

The vital consideration is that BCal should stay wholly and effectively in British hands, at least until the day when British airlines are as free to go shopping across the Channel as foreign airlines apparently are to come bargain hunting in Britain.

Unless we defend our interests as vigorously as our continental neighbours, I greatly fear that Sir Adam Thomson's bird in the hand may turn out to be a cuckoo in the British nest.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Paradise disdained

Remember the Vietnam war? While it was going on I used to address a question, about once every three weeks, to those who, in this country, were working so hard, and without hope of reward, to bring the delights of communism to those parts of the Vietnamese peninsula that the Vietcong had not already refreshed.

The question was this: why was it that whenever refugees fled, as well they *might*, from their villages, amid the horrors of the bombing and fighting, they *always* (I never heard of a single exception) fled southwards, to the embrace of the wicked Americans and the oppressive South Vietnam regime, instead of making their way towards the heroic liberation forces of North Vietnam, to settle eventually in the liberty, equality and fraternity of Hanoi?

I never got an answer. Truth to tell, I didn't expect one, which was why I asked the question. But in the last few days I have been sharply reminded of that time, because a very similar situation has arisen, which demands a very similar question, and which will similarly meet with the unbroken silence of those whose responsibility it would be to answer it, were it not for the dreadful epidemic of laryngitis that has struck them one and all.

A very substantial number of Cuban-born prisoners in American jails have been rioting, seizing control of their prisons, taking and threatening hostages (by the time these words appear they may have taken lives), resisting the authorities, risking death at the hands of the forces which have been standing by in preparation for storming the affected prisons. (Again, when you read this such an assault may have taken place, possibly with the loss of lives on both sides.)

Some of these prisoners are among the hardest of the hard, villains involved in violent crime, with appalling records. The high-security prisons they are kept in are among the most bleak and harshly run in America; the walls should bear the legend *homo homini lupus*, which would cover the attitude of the criminals to each other and the mutual relations between them and the guards.

No wonder, anyone might think, that they are taking such desperate measures. Yet here we must pause for bewilderment. It transpires that the criminals are not seeking less grim conditions, or the removal of particularly brutal guards, or more prompt parole hearings. Above all, they are *not trying to escape*. In fact, their only demand – and remember they are clearly willing to kill or be killed in the pursuit of it – is to be kept where they are, behind the high walls and the iron bars. Any attempt to remove them, they have made plain, will be prolonged and bloody; desperate men will take desperate measures.

How can we explain this extraordinary paradox? How did I explain, in the rapt silence which followed my question to the admirers of Ho Chi Minh and his delightful smile, why peasants with nothing to lose did not flock to his banner, but rather flocked away from it whenever they had the chance?

Well, the prisoners in the American hoosegows have been told that they are to be sent back to Cuba, with its manifold delights, its heady air of true freedom, its benevolent and democratic system of government, its wise, kindly, far-seeing Father of his People, Fidel Castro. And they would rather kill, or die, or both, rather than accept such an assisted passage to their homeland.

Many of these men, perhaps most of them, were among those whom Castro shipped to the United States in 1980. At that time, he had made the rash promise that anyone in Cuba who wanted to leave would be allowed to do so; astounded and appalled by the numbers who promptly took him at his word (the most extraordinary thing I know about dictators is that they come to believe their own propaganda), he designed a chilling but neat revenge on the Americans who had promised to accept the refugees. Among the 125,000 who got out before the gates closed again, he inserted some 2,000 hardened criminals, who landed in the US and promptly went into American crime, many of them flourishing mightily because of their experience at home.

It is mostly these men who are involved in the prison risings, and who will go to any lengths to avoid being sent back. Now consider: the choice is living in Cuba out of prison, or living in America in prison (many of them, incidentally, are serving life sentences, and others have been told that even when their fixed sentences expire they will *still* have to live in detention camps).

And here comes my question, addressed to those who for so long have extolled Cuba as a land of milk, honey, brotherly love and freedom (remember the picture of Castro and Kinnock roaring with laughter together?): why do men wish to pace a cell in the dark degradation of an American prison rather than walk the streets of Havana (and remember that Cuba is their native land, which they have not seen for seven years) and breathe good Cuban air – now made all the better by the fact that Castro has given up smoking?

What, you may ask, can political freedom mean to men who will nevermore taste even the freedom to eat a hamburger in an Atlanta shopping mall? You may indeed ask it, but it would not be appropriate to ask it of me; send instead to the besieged prisons, and ask the frantic Cuban hardliners who man the walls.

I do not know the personal reading tastes of violent Cuban criminals in American jails. Possibly they pore over Mrs Thatcher's speeches, look forward eagerly to my *Times* columns, read and re-read the books of Alun Chalfont and Hugh Thomas. Or possibly not. Perhaps their feelings are even more refined, and they read nothing but Locke and Jefferson, Montaigne and Erasmus, Orwell and Solzhenitsyn. Or – very slightly more likely, I suppose – they read the books of those former political colleagues and associates of Castro who spent years of imprisonment and torture in Fidel's political prisons for disagreeing with him, and have come to the conclusion that to be *out* of such prisons would be a worse fate than to be *in* those that hold them at present.

Perhaps it is what I have always believed – there is in people, even the most brutal and remorseless criminals, that spark of freedom that, however low it burns, never quite goes out. I have said before that Vladimir Bukovsky is an even more remarkable man than he appears. For he is of the generation of Russians who grew up in a sealed country, with no access to *samizdat*, let alone foreign books, and who heard nothing but the clichés of Soviet orthodoxy at school, at home and at the university. Where, then, did their knowledge of freedom come from? Where did they learn that what they were being told was lies? Where did they stumble across the amazing fact that there was truth to be had elsewhere?

Again, I must refuse to tell you, though I know; again, I must refer you to the Cuban prisoners in America; again, I must draw attention to the lack of any answer from those who have extolled Castro's regime for years; again, I must ask you to read – or read again – Professor Paul Hollander's *Political Pilgrims*, which tells the long and shameful story of those who, in the last half century, have flitted from one communist tyranny to another, extolling each in turn as the only true repository of absolute freedom, absolute brotherhood, absolute peacefulness, absolute justice and even absolute prosperity.

I am too experienced in these matters, and too hardened against impudence, to suppose that Castro's admirers will even pause in their admiring to wonder why men would rather rot in an American prison than flower in Castro's garden of delights. But if you meet one of them – a Castro admirer, I mean, not a prisoner – you might try asking him. You will find that the ensuing silence is so prolonged that you can whistle the whole of the last act of *Götterdämmerung* while it is going on.

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Ethiopia's four famine plagues

This afternoon Bob Geldof leaves for Addis Ababa, accompanied by two television crews and a collection of newspaper journalists. Suddenly famine in Ethiopia will be in the headlines again.

On Thursday Britain's five leading overseas development agencies – Oxfam, Save the Children, Christian Aid, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development and the Red Cross – will launch a Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for which the BBC and ITV will give free adverts and for which all banks and post offices will take donations.

Undoubtedly many of those who gave so generously in 1984 and 1985, during the great famine which killed several hundred thousand people, will ask: why, after all that was done last time, has this been allowed to happen again? "That," says Geldof, "is what I am going there to find out."

There are, at very least, four factors in Ethiopia's famine cycle: the weather, the continuing degradation of the environment, the policies of the Ethiopian government, and the refusal of the Western world to follow up its emergency aid with any quantity of longer-term development finance. But apportioning blame is far from simple.

The immediate cause of the rumbling crisis is the weather. Political analysts who criticize Addis Ababa's collectivist agricultural policies, like those who condemn as ideological the refusal by Western governments to provide development aid, often forget that 80 per cent of the people eke out a living solely from rain-fed agriculture in a country where drought is endemic and where some meteorologists have detected a permanent climatic shift.

Until June this year most experts were predicting that 1987 would produce a bumper harvest. The good short rains in March and April augured well for the harvest after the main rains in June, July and August. But in the northern highland regions of Eritrea, Tigre and Wollo that rain never came.

In July parts of Tigre recorded their lowest rainfall for decades, even including the great 1984/85 drought. To add to the difficulties 18 swarms of locusts descended on the region destroying what little had grown, including much of the grazing for the draught animals.

All this is compounded by environmental degradation. With the population growing by 2.9 per cent a year, farmers are increasingly forced to cultivate marginal land on steep hillsides, a practice which speeds the rate of soil erosion. The trees which once fixed the soil are now cut for firewood: at the turn of the century 40 per cent of Ethiopia was forested; ten years ago that figure was reduced to 4 per cent; today it is around 2.7 per cent.

In such conditions, whatever the policies of the Ethiopian government and Western donors, famine would be a recurring problem in the short and mid-term, at least. Ethiopia is desperately poor. Even in a year of good harvests it needs half a million tons of food aid. But many development experts believe that with long-term commitment these difficulties could be overcome.

The Rev Michael Taylor, the head of Christian Aid, said on his recent return from Ethiopia: "I was genuinely impressed by the Ethiopians' efforts in tree planting and building terraces to stop erosion and improve farming techniques. I believe that, given peace and Western development aid, the situation could be turned round within twenty years."

But war continues in Ethiopia. The government spends some 46 per cent of its budget on defence. Armoured brigades defend the border with US-backed Somalia and are engaged in Africa's longest war against secessionist rebels in Eritrea. The army also fights dissenting groups in Tigre, Wollo and the Oromo lands. Apart from diverting resources, this fighting disrupts agricultural schemes.

The government is also criticized in the West for agricultural marketing polices which often act as a disincentive to greater food production. It has promised to reform these in exchange for EEC development aid but most of the money is being held awaiting the reforms which the government has said for some time would be implemented "very soon".

Development aid is withheld permanently by the United States and Britain, who disapprove also of Ethiopia's human rights record and staunch alliance with Moscow. The result is that despite the high levels of emergency food aid, Ethiopia receives the world's lowest level of development aid: only $9.90 per head against a sub-Saharan average of $25.50.

The DEC aid agencies condemn such a policy as morally untenable and financially inefficient. It offers a man food, they say, but refuses to teach him how to grow it. "Clearly that kind of policy is a nonsense," says Michael Taylor. "People are people. They need to have a chance to make a life for themselves whatever regime they live under."

The arguments are finely balanced and their advocates are firmly entrenched. Bob Geldof does not have an easy task.

Paul Vallely

T.E. Utley

Long livers and the liverish

First the theology, suitable for the beginning of Advent. As a Christian, I am obliged to regard my body as a gift from God to be held on trust – the terms of the trust being that it is to be used according to His will.

Initially, this puts me on the side of the health "puritans". I am not, for example, authorized to commit suicide. I am not even authorized to expose myself to great physical hazards unless, of course, these are incurred in the pursuit of causes which should take precedence over my survival.

There is no need for all those casuistical arguments about the potential burden which I impose on the community by smoking 40 cigarettes a day. The tax I pay on the cigarettes probably more than compensates for the cost which the state may have to incur in postponing my death from lung cancer. If there is a case for my stopping smoking, it must rest on far simpler grounds, i.e. that, by failing to do so, I am exposing my own life to undue risk and, therefore, failing to discharge a trust.

As a Christian, however, there are other things which I believe about my duty to my body. I am taught, for instance, that I am not immortal, since mortality is a precondition of resurrection, which must be the supreme object of my life. I am also taught that the mysteries of life and death are extremely difficult to uncover. This fortifies me in my belief that anyone who thinks sensibly and morally about his health will realize that he is striking a balance between opposing risks. Since it is he, and not Mrs Currie, who has been put in charge of his body, it is he who must take the decisions, without undue interference from authority – and the right decisions will not be the same in every case.

So much for the parish magazine bit. The practicalities of the matter are most admirably and elegantly expressed in a recently published book by Dr James Le Fanu*. He is concerned with the current view that diet is the principal cause of death in the western world. He starts with the assumption that death is bound to occur, even in the western world, and that this part of the universe has been strikingly successful in postponing it. He goes on to challenge (to my lay mind convincingly) the evidence that what we eat has much to do with when we die. He proceeds to suggest that, because of the particularly depraved culture in which we live, doctors feel obliged to present general "solutions to our health problems". These owe much not to science but to current political prejudice.

In the Thirties, the general view (now associated with the name Boyd Orr) was that the poor were suffering desperately from lack of meat and dairy foods. Then came the war, in the course of which everybody suffered desperately from lack of meat and dairy foods, and the result was an astonishing improvement in the nation's health.

In pre-war days, the belief was that if the poor had more money they would live longer. The modern view is substantially different. The left still engages in a health racket, but the right has joined it. Current Tory opinion is that the relatively poor are wholly responsible for their own physical misfortunes. They eat fish and chips and should jolly well be stopped from doing so.

Of these two opinions, I have a moral preference for the first. Boyd Orr's disciples, though immensely silly, were often inspired by benevolence; the current Currie view is inspired by contempt for the working classes. What matters, however, is that neither was inspired by science. The most serious casualty in the politicizing of medicine has been truth.

Of course, all science proceeds on hypotheses. You get an idea and subject it to a test. It works or it does not work. You must tell the truth about whether it works or not. Even if it does work, some subsequent discovery may modify the findings.

We should know everything that can be efficiently discovered about disease and its causes. Much of it will be uncertain. Much of it also will be contentious. What is intolerable is that distinguished scientists and honest doctors should be dragooned into presenting a false consensus and into convincing us that there are simple ways by which we could all be assured of living forever.

I also wonder whether we should think about our health quite as much as we are now encouraged to do. Turn on the wireless in the morning now and you will always hear somebody talking about somebody else's bowels. Does this not imply a ridiculous disproportion of emphasis between the purposes of life and the importance of simply sustaining it? For my part, I find it distasteful and, on the whole, bad for my health.

The maxim that prevention is better than cure is misleading. We have done very well so far by attending to diseases as they arise. Seeking ways of preventing all of them can be a ridiculous and highly expensive pursuit. We should be very content with how long we live – and Mrs Currie should be sacked.

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however . . . Philip Howard

Here's to a real orange pippin

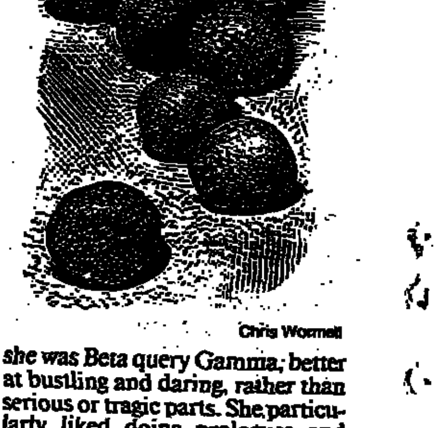
It is not necessary to go the whole hog with mumbo-Jungian ancestral archetypes to believe that we have a soft spot for recurrent myths. We are commemorating the 300th anniversary of someone who embodied several of the most potent: the tart with the heart of gold; the outlaw who took from the rich to give to the poor; the beggar maid Zenelophon who was loved by King Cophetua; the nobody who became a star. Along with Dick Whittington, Sam Johnson, and Charles Lamb, Nell Gwynn is one of the popular saints of Low Life London.

There is true romance as well as sentimentality in the story of the tiny, plump girl who graduated from the house of the notorious Mother Ross to selling oranges (or herrings, according to Rochester's satire) in the pit of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, to the stage; to the King's bed, to mothering a Duke, and being pipped at the post by a week from becoming the Countess of Greenwich. There's no business like show business.

Pretty, witty Nell died of an apoplexy in November 1687, and was buried beside her mother in the chancel of old St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Vicar, Dr Thomas Tenison, preached a big-hearted funeral sermon in which he said "much to her praise". This was at once spread and exaggerated around London on broadsheets, much to his embarrassment with the Establishment. His bravery scandalized the prigs, but did not prevent him from becoming Archbishop of Canterbury. In her will Nelly left £20 a year for the release of poor debtors from prison, and £50 to show her charity "to those who differ from me in religion."

She was clearly a good egg. And one of her virtues was that she made people laugh. She made the King laugh when reciting an epilogue in a hat of the circumference of a large coach-wheel, which made her look like a mushroom. He took her home in his coach to supper, and so to bed. Part of her popularity was due to the mob's xenophobic hatred of her rival as royal mistress, the Duchess of Portsmouth, who was not just a Frog, but a Papist. When she was mobbed at Oxford in mistake for her rival, Nell put her head out of the window and said: "Pray, good people, be civil; I am the Protestant whore."

She was not much to look at. A contemporary description says that she was very short, *embonpoint* (i.e. should have gone on the Cambridge Diet), with red hair, what the French call *mignonne* and *piquante*, but very lively. There is a portrait of her, attributed to Lely, in the Garrick Club, which does not make her out much of an oil-painting. She had tiny eyes that almost disappeared when she laughed, and the smallest feet of any woman in England, if feet are your bag. As an actress she was Beta query Gamma; better at bustling and daring, rather than serious or tragic parts. She particularly liked doing prologues and epilogues, and Dryden kept her well supplied with parts. Pepys was a fan and a principal source.



Chris Wormell

Nell was no better than she should have been, a star rather than an actress, and appealing because she could sleep with kings and keep the common touch. She would have been a hit on *Wogan*, except that she would have attracted too much of the camera to herself. She was very good copy for the gutter journos of her time.

The English take a prurient and envious interest in other men's sex lives. Mrs Thatcher shares at least some of Nell's popular qualities, as well as the red hair; we all love the soppy story of the little grocer's daughter who made it to Whitehall Palace or Ministry. You don't have to be over six foot, and rich, and beautiful, and well-connected, and expensively educated to make it, though it usually helps. There is hope for all of us if a short, fat, destitute hooker with no great talents can get to the top. But she was also funny, and kind; for example, one of the many London folk stories says she persuaded Charles to build the Royal Hospital Chelsea for old soldiers. Dr Tenison was right. That is why 300 years later, in the pubs around Drury Lane, Londoners still turn down an empty glass to Nell. Aaah.

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NEW HORROR FOR HAITI

The late Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his exiled son Jean-Claude still cast their shadows over Haiti. The horrific violence which brought to an end yesterday's elections in Port-au-Prince – the terrible symbolism of mutilated bodies beside ballot boxes – confirms this tragic fact to anyone who may have forgotten it.

Few outside his narrow circle of support wept for President-for-Life Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier when he was forced to flee with his family (and fortune) to France in February 1986, ending 29 years of corrupt and rapacious dicatorship. A provisional junta led by Lt-General Henri Namphy took control and promised free elections in due course. This pledge was to have been fulfilled yesterday.

It has long been clear, however, that the departure of the Duvaliers could not in itself guarantee peace and freedom for Haitians. The present wave of bloodshed has been traced back to November 2, after the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) barred 12 former associates of the Duvalier regime from taking their place as candidates in the poll to elect a new president and national assembly. Most of the blame has fallen on members of the old Tonton Macoutes, the Duvaliers' private army who terrorised the island for so long.

But General Namphy and his colleagues have also been open to criticism for allowing the violence to continue unchecked for too long. They also, according to their critics, were seduced by their experience of power and would have been perfectly happy to see a postponement of the elections – thereby extending their own period in office.

This criticism might be unfair. The apportionment of blame for the state of near-anarchy into which Haiti has fallen is a matter which at this stage remains unclear. What does seem fairly obvious is that there has been a successful attempt by a group or groups of desperados to end Haiti's brief experiment with democracy before it even began. The CEP's own compound has had to be fortified with barbed wire and sandbags to protect it from attacks by armed gangs.

Ordinary Haiti people, some of whom live in desperate poverty, have been forced to take sides by the worsening violence. But there has never been much doubt about their dedication to the principle of democracy. They made this clear during early demonstrations against the slow progress being made by General Namphy and his junta. Despite the atmosphere of danger and threat, some 2,250,000, or 75 per cent of all Haitians, had registered to vote by early last week. The contest for the presidency had attracted 23 candidates. Therein lies the tragedy of Haiti's slow struggle from dictatorship.

In one sense the outbreak of violence comes as no great surprise. The Duvaliers had kept Haiti under such control for so long that any relaxation of their grip seemed likely to lead to a period of instability and uncertainty. The removal of one form of authority meant the requirement for another to replace it. It was the failure of the junta to provide a satisfactory interim alternative which helped yesterday's horror come about.

This requirement is still there. In the atmosphere of fear and mistrust which now prevails, it is hard to see how the present Haiti government can meet it. So what are the short-term options? The most obvious one is for the United States to offer its help. The situation is different from that which obtained in Grenada – and thus demands a different response. But the need is desperate still.

The ideal way in which action might be taken is through the United Nations – perhaps in collaboration with other local Caribbean states. The lesson of yesterday must be that this unhappy island is not yet ready to look after itself on its own.

THE WORLD OF THE BISHOP

The Bishop of Durham recently gave a wide-ranging speech on our present discontents, which is about to be reproduced in a socialist magazine. For that latter fact alone, perhaps, he has attracted new Conservative criticism.

It does not seem to have been an excessively abrasive speech, being an attack both on individualism and collectivism. In this respect it follows a broad tradition of Christian, political and social thought. It has echoes of a long line of papal encyclicals and of the writings of Chesterton and Belloc.

Man is not made for a life of anarchy, the argument runs, nor yet for a life of servitude. He is born to freedom and the moral responsibility which goes with it; he is also a member of society and must exercise his responsibilities with that fact in view. There is nothing intrinsically evil in ownership, provided that ownership is regarded as a trust. When that condition is absent, ownership becomes theft.

The bishop has the same suspicion of international finance as did most of his predecessors in this particular tradition of Christian social thinking. He affirms: "You can apparently make money out of money but it is not clear whether this has anything to do with sustainable wealth on the ground which is actually feeding people or helping people flourish, other than those who make the money." He has a marked prejudice in favour of industry as against banking, a strong distrust of competition and a preference for planning with a human face.

None of this is remarkable. What is worthy of comment, however, is that he plainly regarded his speech not so much as an exercise in moral theology, but rather as a summons to the proper perception of contemporary political and economic realities. What kind of a world does he suppose himself to be living in? The ruthless capitalist state which he believes Mrs Thatcher to have created and sustained spends vast sums of money on the maintenance of welfare services and assistance to less developed regions. It contributes to overseas aid. It regulates competition and uses its power to protect the environment.

In some of these respects, it is doing less than it ought to do. What cannot be said is that Mrs Thatcher is running the country on the basis of a naked and naive application of the single principle of *laissez-faire*. There is an extreme other-worldliness about the bishop's views on society and, contrary to popular belief, other-worldliness is not the authentic mark of pastoral leadership.

Mrs Thatcher, would, in fact, have no complaint against much of what the bishop says. When has she ever suggested that property was not a trust to be exercised with proper responsibility towards God and society? When has she extolled greed? She yields to no one in her support for private benevolence.

But here is the crux of the matter: The bishop plainly has a profound belief in the beneficent potentialities of caring public institutions. Caring public institutions, however, depend for their effectiveness on the willingness of the public to finance them. Many of the social scandals which distress him arise precisely from the unwillingness of tax payers of all classes to pay more tax than they do. Is this obstacle to be overcome by converting the electorate *en masse* to greater generosity or by harnessing the benevolent instincts and family loyalties of private people to the service of good causes?

The truth is that both methods – state provision and the releasing of benign human energies – have to be employed. The rational debate is about the proportions in which they should be used. The truth also is that wealth must be created before it is distributed and that a proper attention to the conditions that permit its creation is not out of place. The Bishop of Durham would make a still more useful contribution to this debate if he paid the scantest attention to the arguments which can be raised against him.

BENAZIR FACES THE GENERAL

Today's local government elections in Pakistan belie their low apparent status. They form the first electoral popularity contest between the country's leader, General Zia, and the charismatic standard bearer of the political opposition that he once hoped he had crushed.

On the one side stand the General's carefully selected civilian politicians, on the other the People's Party (PPP) of Miss Benazir Bhutto. Although political parties are technically banned from participating, both forces have put up candidates for the polls. For the People's Party it will be the first election it has taken part in since 1979, while for the ruling Muslim League (the organization General Zia's politicians have created) it will be the first test of its electoral strength.

The initial odds look as if they are heavily against Miss Bhutto. However much is read into the campaign elsewhere, at the ballot box these are local elections with local issues. The People's Party's appeal is on a national level. While the PPP is fielding party activists, the League is relying on a network of local candidates, linked to the land-owning gentry whose support it already has.

Supporters of General Zia argue that if Miss Bhutto's candidates fare badly, she runs the risk of further demoralizing her party and undermining her own standing. Her claim to lead, they say, rests on her personal popularity and her credibility will be damaged if her candidates fail. Even if the People's Party does well, her critics predict that her newly elected councillors will fall prey to the government's ability to buy their support.

However, the greatest cause for satisfaction among the general's supporters is not so much the likely outcome of the election as the very fact that Miss Bhutto's party is competing. They claim that by so doing she is signalling her recognition of the Zia regime and its 1985 constitution.

In a sense they are right. But Miss Bhutto had little alternative. After 10 years of General Zia, Pakistan is a changed country. The politics of street agitation, which the People's Party attempted on Miss Bhutto's return home last year, failed to dent the regime. Contesting elections may confer a certain credibility to the voting but it will also add to the mounting pressure for further democratization. That is now Miss Bhutto's long-term aim.

There are also some short-term goals to be scored through participation. After a demoralizing decade in the political wilderness, the People's Party is short of electoral experience. The local campaign will provide valuable training, while the lure of holding office should give its members new heart.

Miss Bhutto has moved her party to the centre ground in the last 19 months. She now opposes further land reforms and nationalization. Her references to the United States are increasingly sympathetic and friendly. She is now focusing her electoral appeal on social groups who were not friendly to her father – the industrialists, traders and the urban middle class.

Many in the People's Party disagree both with such policy shifts and with the decision to participate in today's elections. But it was inevitable that when Miss Bhutto began to recreate her party in her own image, she would leave behind some members from her father's generation. Change was long overdue.

Seen in this light, victory or defeat today is secondary. The critical point is that the process should make the People's Party a more effective opponent of the Zia regime, because the real political contest in Pakistan is yet to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A wider gate for entry to the NHS

From the Chief Executive of the Independent Hospitals Association

Sir, Of the 30,000 nurses each year leaving the NHS only about 2,000 join the independent sector. And they will already have worked for five years on average for the NHS.

Figures in the report to the DHSS from Sheffield University (report, October 15) also show that about 40 of these had specialist qualifications in theatre nursing, compared to the 385 who obtain such a qualification each year. The problem, which the private sector shares, is a general shortage of trained and specialist nurses.

The independent sector already takes part in some basic training courses and conducts a number of specialist courses. This association has declared its intention to contribute further by organizing appropriate courses and is presently conducting a study to determine how this can best be done. The intention is to increase the capacity for training so that more specialist nurses are produced each year.

The cost of training nurses is borne by the taxpayer. Private patients are taxpayers, too. They have therefore already contributed financially to nurse training and should not be asked to pay twice over (your leader, November 27). Nurses are as entitled as any other profession to change their employer and 28,000 each year apparently leave nursing altogether. Who will be expected to make a financial contribution in respect of those who prefer jobs in offices or shops, or choose to exercise their nursing skills in other countries?

The real need is for more nurses. Training to degree standard will reduce the numbers by demanding higher entry requirements. These "professional" nurses will then be supported by larger numbers of less skilled support workers to attend to the patients.

Instead, we need a wider entry gate and a ladder of qualifications even beyond degree level. Most of all, we need to identify and rectify the reason why nurses leave the profession and find ways of attracting them back.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY J. BYRNE
Chief Executive, Independent Hospitals Association,
Africa House,
64-78 Kingsway, WC2.
November 27.

From the Chairman of Council, The Royal Society of Health

Sir, We are all somewhat reluctant to visit the doctor or the dentist, even though such behaviour is illogical. After all, if there is something wrong, then early diagnosis is a better guarantee of cure than late diagnosis. One of the more important facets of a national health service is encouragement to seek advice early, and one of the strongest deterrents to doing so is to make a charge.

The total sum of money that is expected from all the charges amounts to a fraction of a penny on income tax. Can we call on all health professions to make the strongest possible objections to such positive discouragement of good health?

Yours truly,
ARNOLD E. BENDER,
Chairman of Council,
The Royal Society of Health,
38A St George's Drive, SW1.
November 26.

From Dr Denis Pirrie

Sir, If the Holy Roman Empire was not in any way holy, nor Roman, nor an empire, you wonder what Voltaire would have to say about the National Health Service.

National it is not, as shown by the parochial actions of the Southwark Borough Council in withdrawing social workers from the Maudsley Hospital and of the West Lambeth Health Authority in closing down the Drug Dependency Unit at St George's Hospital because they serve patients from outside their parishes.

Since the obliteration of the Ministry of Health and the public health departments of local authorities, public health and preventive medicine have all but disappeared.

And for Service you have only to ask the old man waiting for years for a hip replacement, or his wife waiting to see an oculist in hospital.

The high hopes of 1948 have foundered for a variety of reasons, but 1988 will give us a chance to re-assess the possibilities of a new NHS, particularly if we examine more closely what other countries have achieved, and how.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS PIRRIE,
Flat 3, 14 Grange Gardens,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
November 25.

Need to prepare for disasters

From the Principal of the Royal Military College of Science (Cranfield)

Sir, The article, "Unprepared for catastrophe", by Sondra Lawrence (November 15), highlights the attitude which affects much of our counter-disaster planning and preparedness programmes, both within the United Kingdom and in our aid programmes overseas.

In the United Kingdom, the focus remains on the situation after a nuclear strike with responsibilities vested in the Home Office for ensuring local authority planning, against this now receding probability.

In consequence, preparedness against nuclear attack tends to result in paper plans which do not affect the range of government and non-government agencies who are involved in response to major peacetime disasters, exemplified by the Herald of Free Enterprise sinking, the recent hurricane and the King's Cross fire.

Government and non-government officials usually take their decisions in committee, where time and the availability of essential information for decision-making is not a serious constraint. Crisis creates different demands and problems.

The Cranfield Disaster Preparedness Centre, based upon the Royal Military College of Science (Cranfield), has developed a range of training materials which realistically mirror the pressures and problems of management in crisis.

These simulation exercises and training modules involve very different skills in which integration and priority allocation of a range of resources against the pressures of time are the principal training objectives. In the past we have provided support in these management training methods to the Home Office Civil Defence College and the Police Staff College, Bramshill.

The demand for our assistance now, however, comes from countries in southern and eastern Africa, the Middle East and Asia, where the realities of the threats from natural and man-made disaster are clearly appreciated. In this work the problem is in persuading funding agencies, such as the Overseas Development Administration and the Commission of the European Communities, that disaster-prevention and preparedness through staff training are an essential precursor to effective disaster relief, for which generous funding is always available.

A penny spent in developing counter-disaster planning and management capabilities now will be worth pounds given in disaster relief later.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. HARTLEY, Principal,
Royal Military College of Science,
Cranfield Institute of Technology,
Shrivenham,
Swindon,
Wiltshire.
November 25.

INF treaty

From the Vice-President of CND

Sir, After the INF (intermediate nuclear forces) treaty is signed on December 7, it will be essential that it is not circumvented by deploying such missiles on aircraft and naval vessels instead.

Lord Carrington, speaking on November 25, denied that this was what Nato defence ministers had decided at Monterey, although admitting that Nato weapons would be kept up to date.

The following day, however, Richard Owen reported in *The Times* from Brussels that

> Mr Shultz left open the possibility of new deployments when he said that while Nato would do nothing to violate INF, air and sea-launched systems were outside its scope.

That would be a deliberate breach of the spirit of Geneva. It would also flout the wishes of the overwhelming public majority revealed by opinion polls in each of nine Western nations, including Britain.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(Vice-President, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament),
1 South Drive,
Manchester 21.
November 26.

Scrapping the CAP

From Mr R. H. B. Malim

Sir, I was very surprised to read the letter from Sir Peter Hordern, MP (November 14), suggesting scrapping the CAP (common agricultural policy), with a return to a cheap food policy based on importing cheap cereals from the US.

The naivety of such a suggestion becomes clear when one examines the production costs incurred on a wheatbelt farm in the United States. Seed, fertilizer and herbicides in total cost $65 an acre, machinery $40 an acre, labour $6.50 an acre – a total of $111.50 an acre before rent and interest; rent at $60 an acre and interest amounting to $20 an acre bring the total cost per acre to $191.50. The average yield for wheat in the USA is around 1.1 tonnes an acre; converted at $1.70 to the £ it becomes clear that the cost per tonne of American grown wheat is around £100.

Developments in wheat growing in our north European maritime climate have led to a doubling of wheat yields in the last 10 years; this in turn has reduced the cost per tonne to a figure of around £90.

Surely scrapping the CAP and relying on cheap cereals from the USA would give total dependence on a continuance of the large subsidies which make up the difference between the cost of production in the USA and the world market price. There is no doubt that, having destroyed the competition from European wheat, the Americans would be able to remove their subsidies and revert to a price which would allow the American farmer to profit from our misfortune.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. B. MALIM,
Chief Executive,
Velcourt Group plc,
The Veldt House,
Much Marcle,
Ledbury, Herefordshire.
November 17.

Teachers' contracts

From Mr Geoffrey Alderman

Sir, The Government proposes, as part of its Education Bill, that as from November 20 last any contract issued to a univeristy teacher will be null and void unless it provides for dismissal on the grounds of redundancy or financial exigency.

This is bound to result in a situation whereby it will be far easier for a university to dismiss a newly appointed member of staff, whose efficiency and research output may be exemplary, than an established academic whose record is, however, mediocre and whose potential is uncertain.

Is this what Mr Baker really wants?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY ALDERMAN,
The Senate House,
University of London,
Malet Street, WC1.
November 23.

A slip of the pen?

From Miss Judith Banister

Sir, In your feature on pens (November 26) Peter Woolf is said to admire the work of the "inventor, Sampson Mordant." His name was in fact Mordan, whose firm, S. Mordan & Co, was said in an advertisement of 1889 to have been founded in 1815.

Mordan himself was possibly not the inventor of the propelling pencil and the various patent pens produced by the firm, which was a large-scale manufacturer of all kinds of smallwares, from toothpicks and tapersticks to scent bottles and vinaigrettes, card cases and toilet sets in gold, silver and base metals.

The firm closed only in 1941 after a bomb destroyed the premises in City Road, London.

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH BANISTER,
20 Marlborough Gardens,
Lovelace Road,
Surbiton, Surrey.

Ministers' tasks

From Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC

Sir, I am sure that your experienced Political Reporter, Sheila Gunn, in her interesting article (November 21) about the junior front-bench team of the Government in the House of Lords, would wish to live up to your newspaper's reputation for fair reporting in more respects.

I have often expressed surprise at the fact, as she has pointed out, that this Government team is adorned by so many hereditary peers, with only a sprinkling of life peers.

I would agree, of course, that there have been occasions, as sometimes even happens in the House of Commons, when junior ministers may not show flexibility in answering points raised at question time.

However, in my experience of having to face the Government benches for many years, I have been pleasantly surprised how often members of this junior team have summed up so well the points made in long debates.

An example of this occurred only last week, when Lord Beaverbrook summed up so cogently the multitude of complicated technical questions raised in the course of the five-hour debate on the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill.

Yours sincerely,
LLOYD of KILGERRAN,
House of Lords.
November 23.

A bad blow

From the President and the Vice President of the Timber Trade Federation

Sir, Owners of trees struck down by last month's cruel hurricane may need advice on the value of their timber.

First, they should not engage in panic selling: oak logs, for instance, can lie where they fall for two or more years before they *have* to be sawn or otherwise converted to use. Even the less durable species, such as elm, birch, horse chestnut and walnut, will survive this winter to April, 1988, before they must be converted (sawn) so that the wood can be seasoned or kiln-dried correctly.

It is the arrival of spring and summer which encourages fungus, insect attack and discolouration of the wood. Sycamore, ash and beech are valued often for their white colour and these are therefore the first to be converted and should be given high priority.

Your readers may also be interested in the value of their logs. Hardwood species in *descending* order of commercial importance are oak, sweet chestnut, ash, walnut, beech, sycamore, lime, poplar, cherry, elm, birch, hornbeam, plane tree, maple, pear tree, apple, horse chestnut, and, last, the exotics like tree of heaven. Commercial value means the size of the market and likely price per cubic foot.

Softwoods (conifers) are generally of known commercial value, since most stands of conifers were planted with an ultimate market in mind. Fine yew trees, cypress, western red cedar, wellingtonia – magnificent specimens – may have rarity value if they really are exceptionally defect-free.

The size of the hardwood tree should be 9 ft or longer before the first break (branch) and, for the larger growing species, 18 or more in diameter at the mid-point in length. Both ends of the log should be cut straight through the diameter.

The easiest identification of quality is the colour of the ends of the log, firm, clean and uniform. There should be no branches in first quality logs and no nails or shrapnel.

Sawmillers and "home grown" timber merchants will collect logs from the road side. If they are not easily reached, the interest and the value drops. One log is expensive to collect – six or more are interesting.

It would be a tragedy if the best of these trees did not find a market.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CARR, President,
T. MALLINSON, Vice President,
The Timber Trade Federation,
Clareville House,
26/27 Oxendon Street, SW1.
November 25.

Far-flung corners

From Mr Geoffrey H. Phillips

Sir, The Post Office, on page 5 of their overseas compendium, define "Europe" as extending from Greenland in the west (destinations use Danish postcodes) to the easternmost point of the USSR by the Bering Strait – 45 destinations in all.

Bless them for extending their cheaper rate of postage so far! For some strange reason this is known as "the All-up rate".

Yours sincerely,
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Bend or Bump Cottage,
Main Street,
Hawkshead,
Ambleside, Cumbria.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 30 1907

Hunting reports appeared regularly in the paper for many years; in an adjoining column to the article below more than 120 hunts were named with their appointments for the coming week

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HUNTING.

(From a Correspondent.)

It is difficult to write cheerfully, even dispassionately, in the face of the renewed opposition to hunting in Ireland, where the sport ought to flourish to a greater degree than it does in most other parts of the kingdom, so many are its advantages in the matter of its climate, for instance, its light, scent-carrying soil, and, comparatively speaking, its freedom from wire, crush, expense and high preservation of game. At last, however, the climax has been reached in the Ormond country. The Land Leaguers have over-stepped the limits in their policy of "stopping the hunt." Mr Thomas Cradock, M.F.H., has give up the task in disgust and the hounds (40 couples) are for sale. Thus the Ormond country will lose its pack which, with a few intermissions, chiefly due to temporary amalgamation with the King's County, has existed ever since 1778, and by the abandonment of the hunt the whole district will suffer a heavy financial loss. The affair is but a repetition of what occurred in 1881, when the late Lord Waterford resigned the hunting of his Curraghmore country after he and his followers had been attacked by a mob armed with sticks, stones and pitchforks. The loss to County Waterford through the breaking up of the Curraghmore establishment is computed to have amounted to no less than £60,000 a year, for it had been maintained in princely style, and, of course, a great many people were thrown out of employment. On a smaller scale the same thing must now happen in Ormond country. What makes it appear the more regrettable, too, is the fact that the Land League had no real grievance against the hunt itself, merely with two individual followers, who, though the sport is free to all creeds and classes and acknowledges no politics, had personally undertaken, without being solicited, not to embarrass the M.F.H. with their presence in the hunting field this season. . . .

. . . Vermin the fox may be technically, but there is no other wild animal in Great Britain and Ireland today of such immense value to the whole community. The fox's life means the maintenance of more than two hundred packs in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and an annual expenditure of several millions a year; he has made us, as is sometimes claimed, "a nation of horsemen"; he keeps hundreds of country houses tenanted from November to April; and his wholesale destruction would bring ruin to many trades and depression all round. Certainly the importance of hunting is not so generally recognized as it ought to be, and, as a well-known master of hounds suggested not long ago, the time may come when fox hunting will be protected by law as are shooting and fishing, neither of which is the cause of anything like such an enormous circulation of money. Still, the sport has existed for very many years solely by the good will and co-operation of landowner and farmer and the passive, if not active, support of other dwellers in the country; and in these isolated cases of opposition to hunting that have occurred it is surely not likely that we see the shadow of impending doom. . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will dine with the Lieutenant Governors of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at 7.40 today.

Prince Edward will attend a banquet at Guildhall at 7.45 today, aid of the Mobility Trust.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Bristol Royal Society for the Blind, will open the new workshops in South Liberty Lane, Bristol, at noon today.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new Amenities and Sports Centre at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, at 10.45 today.

Marriages

Mr S.J.L. Linnett
and Miss P.J. Willink
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St John-at-Hampstead, London, of Mr Simon Linnett, only son of the late Professor John Linnett and of Mrs Linnett, of Brookside, Cambridge, to Miss Penelope Willink, only daughter of Sir Charles and Lady Willink, of North Grove, Highgate, N6. The Rev P. Buckler officiated and Professor D. Nineham led the prayers.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Annabella Willink, Olivia Packe, Benjamin Browne and Edward Browne. Mr Hugh Nineham was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in India.

Mr D.G.E. Crole
and Miss D.M.J. Fergusson
The marriage took place on Friday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, EC1 between Mr Duncan Crole, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gerard Crole, and Miss Davina Fergusson, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Fergusson. Canon Desmond Swan and Father Kit Cunningham, IC, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Chloe Beauvoir and by Tara and Alice Laing. Mr James Harman was best man.

A reception was held at Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, EC4.

Mr F.P. Graham-Watson
and Miss C.I. Rimington Wilson
The marraige took place on Saturday, November 28, 1987, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, of Mr Frederick Graham-Watson, son of Mr and Mrs James Graham-Watson, and Miss Catherine Rimington Wilson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald Rimington Wilson. Prebendary John Collins officiated, assisted by the Rev Richard Sweet-Escott.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Helen Rimington Wilson, Miss Jane Harbottle, Louise Nery, Emily Crompton, Emily Perkin, Emily Burns and Lucas Dalglish. Mr Charles Nodder was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr N.D. Hopes
and Miss K.M. Emmitt
After a civil ceremony in London, the blessing of the marriage took place on Saturday, November 28, 1987, at The Shrine of Our Lady of The Rock, Mijas, Spain, between Mr Nigel D. Hopes, younger son of Mr Clifford B. Hopes and the late Mrs M.I. Jean Hopes, of Harrogate, and Miss Kathryn M. Emmitt, fourth daughter of Mr Raymond Emmitt and Mrs Patricia Emmitt, formerly of Leeds. The Rev Ronald S. Matheson officiated.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Sarah and Christina Emmitt, and her nieces, Patricia Gutierrez Emmitt and Natasha Diaz Emmitt. Mr Stuart Marvin was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Dr K. Hugh-Jones
and Mrs R.P. Heppel
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's, Oxford, of Dr Kenneth Hugh-Jones and Mrs Ruth Heppel.

Dr P. Tooley
and Mrs D. Whatley
The marriage took place in Guernsey, on October 27, 1987, of Dr Peter Tooley to Mrs Diana Whatley.

Dinners

Association of Old Brightonians
Mr G.C. Smith, President of the Association of Old Brightonians, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at Brighton College. Mr J.D. Leach, headmaster, also spoke.

Magistrates' Association
Mr Alfred Finer, Chairman of the Middlesex branch of the Magistrates' Association, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, WC1. Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Judge Israel Finestein also spoke.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Mr George Pinker, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and Mrs Pinker received the guests at the annual dinner of the college held on Friday, November 27. Sir John Donaldson, the principal guest, proposed the toast to the college, to which the president replied. Professor Rosalinde Hurley replied to the toast of the guests proposed by Mr K.R. Peel. Other guests included:

Mr and Mrs D Bolt, Miss M Brain, Dr Miss E Chan, Dr and Mrs J F Fisher, Professor and Mrs J Forfar, Mr J Harris, Mrs S Young, Sir Raymond and Lady Hoffenberg, Professor Ho-Kei Ma, Professor Sir Malcolm and Lady Macnaughton, Mr and Mrs R A E Magee, Lieutenant-General Sir Cameron and Lady Moffat, Dr L Newman, Mr N Aronsohn and Mr and Mrs E de Rothschild.

Glaziers' Company
Mr Trevor Crocker was installed as Master of the Glaziers' Company and the Very Rev Peter Moore, Upper Warden, and Mr Stewart Peck, Renter Warden, at a livery dinner held at Glaziers' Hall on Thursday.

Professor R.N. Franklin, Vice-Chancellor of the City University, proposed the toast to the company and the Master and Wardens to which the Master replied. Mr Assistant Anthony Wills, proposed the toast of the guests to which Alderman Sir Allan Davis replied. Guests included:

The Deputy Mayor of Southwark, the Vice-Provost of Southwark, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, the Masters of the Armourers and Brasiers', Painter Stainers', Scientific Instrument Makers', Launderers' and Skinners' Companies and Mr W I Corlett, Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Service dinners

Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades"
The Ven J. Harkness, Chaplain General to the Forces, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades" held on Saturday at Hyde Park Barracks. Major Brian Lane, chairman, presided.

71 (Scottish) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers)
Lieutenant-Colonel J.C.H. Moorhouse, Commanding Officer of the 71 (Scottish) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), presided at the annual ladies guest night dinner held on Saturday at RHQ Officers' Mess, Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow.

Lancashire Artillery Volunteers and Royal Artillery Officers' Association
Colonel D. Watson presided at the annual St Barbara's dinner of the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers (103 Air Defence Regiment RA (V)) and the Royal Artillery Officers' Association held on Saturday at Altcar Training Camp, Merseyside. The principal guest speaker was Major-General P.R.F. Bonnet, Director Royal Artillery, and Colonel M.J.E. Taylor and Mr K.G. Oxford, Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, also spoke.

Birthdays today

Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, writer, 82; Sir John Burder, company chairman, 87; Miss Diana Cotton, QC, 46; Sir Walter Coutts, former Governor-General of Uganda, 75; Mr George Duffield, jockey, 41; Mr D.W. Fry, physicist, 77; Sir Victor Goodhew, former MP, 68; Mr Charles Hawtrey, actor, 73; Mr Geoffrey Household, author, 87; Mr Gary Lineker, footballer, 27; Mr Radu Lupu, pianist, 42; Lord Parry, 62; Miss Marguerite Porter, ballet dancer, 39; Sir Stanley Rees, former High Court judge, 80; Mr Max Reinhardt, publisher, 72; Dr W. Campbell Smith, geologist, 100; Colonel Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, former Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd, 83.

Parliament this week

Commons

Today (2.30): Housing Bill, second reading.

Tomorrow (2.30): Education Reform Bill, second reading.

Wednesday (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on the economy and on protecting lives in the community. Motions on the establishment of select committees.

Thursday (2.30): Debate on Public Accounts Committee reports for 1985-86 and 1986-87.

Friday (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on Cyprus.

Lords

Today (2.30): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, first day.
Tomorrow (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, third reading. Farm Land and Rural Development Bill, committee.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on the world economy.
Thursday (3): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, committee, second day.

Tom Batho

A church of wasted talent

It is unfortunate that the Church of England is receiving a bad press – one which it does not totally deserve. Naughty vicars and radical bishops have always been an attraction for the tabloids and there is not a lot that can be done about that.

But the recent controversies over second marriages, infant baptism, women priests, fundamental Christian beliefs and apartheid have given the impression that the church is disunited, leaderless and without a clear sense of purpose.

No organization can view with equinimity the charges that it has lost its way and lacks conviction about what itself stands for. Perhaps it is not surprising that, at a time of a limited spiritual revival, the Church of England is not attracting its fair share of the market and what growth there is appears to be taking place in alternative church movements.

It is no answer to say that the Church of England is not really an organization at all and never was intended to be one. It is an institution and institutions stand or fall on how efficient they are and on how good their people are.

The Church of England appears to suffer from a sort of collective inferiority complex. There is no need for this, since, man for man, clergymen stand well alongside serving officers, business executives and civil servants. They are generally intelligent, well-read, articulate and frequently bring some outside experience into the church when they are ordained.

What *is* lacking is the church's ability to make the best use of the people that it has. In business jargon, it is failing to maximize the potential of its human resources. Its career development programmes are patchy, fragmented or non-existant.

Let us for the moment look at the church in organizational terms. There are just over 10,000 full-time executives (clergymen), many of whom have a contract of employment which gives them virtual autonomy and the right to stay in a particular job until retirement if they so want. They have only limited supervision and their career development owes more to chance than to the needs of the organization.

Then there are about 150 senior managers (the archdeacons and suffragan bishops) whose roles are far from clear. Sometimes the suffragans are in charge of an area and have a direct responsibility. Often, however, they are subordinate partners in a "one-over-one" hierarchy with their bishops, which is a cardinal sin in organizational theory. The archdeacon can be anything from a travelling father-confessor to the bishop's "hit-man", depending on how his boss uses him.

Going up the tree, there are the managing directors (diocesan bishops). The organization has 43 wholly owned subsidiaries (dioceses), each with its own managing director. But these managing directors are virtually autonomous and have the freedom to do and say what they like, as long as they keep on the right side of the law. Hence the two company chief executives (archbishops) have no real executive control over their line management.

Running alongside all this there are some very powerful site managers (deans) who do not fit into the overall line chain of command. There is a headquarters stuffed with staff groups (Church House) and, as a final cherry on the icing, there is a sort of industrial democracy system (the synod), which, whilst supposedly involving all parties concerned, actually confuses more than it clarifies. Now what sort of business could succeed with an arrangement like that?

If the Church of England is to be seen as anything other than a benign, bumbling, incohesive body it will have to accept the need for more clearly defined structures, greater central direction and a sharper corporate identity. A "broad church", the term so often used as an excuse by political parties torn apart by internal strife, is all very well but it makes it difficult for the man in the street to see exactly where the Church of England stands on various important issues.

If the church's organization is weak, the way in which it develops its clergy is woeful. Most organizations these days have well thought-out systems of career development.

If a clergyman wants to move outside his diocese he has to depend on his bishop talking to somebody, or he has to go to London to see the clergy appointments adviser, who acts as a one-man clearing house, or he has to advertise in *Church Times*. There is nothing which attempts to match the needs of the church overall with the talents of its clergy.

A career-development plan which covered the entire Church of England would not be welcomed with unbounded joy by everybody. It would mean the end of a system where a man can sit in a job for life regardless of his ability. It would mean greater centralization. It would mean that somebody, other than the PCC, would be commenting on the individual's contribution to the church's welfare.

But it would also mean the clergyman was on someone's books; that his own interests and preferences were being taken care of; that he would receive the necessary training and development to equip him for the sort of work that best suited him.

Since the Church of England still has a significant influence on the way in which we lead our lives; since the clergyman, whether in the parish pulpit or in the bishop's palace, still commands the attention of many of our citizens, it really is time that the church got its act together and maximized its greatest asset – the quality of its clergy.

The writer worked in the oil industry.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr V.F.M. Brabazon
and Miss J. Rout
The engagement is announced between Vincent, eldest son of Mr J. Brabazon, of Wandsworth, London, and Mrs U. Owen, of Hong Kong, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs O.H. Rout, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr J.P. Crofts
and Miss E.J. Awdry
The engagement is announced between John Peter, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Peter Crofts, of Marple, Cheshire, and Emma Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Awdry, of Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.P.E. Duignan
and Miss A.L.P. Weatherley
The engagement is announced between Raymond Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Duignan, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Alexandra Louise, second daughter of Wing Commander B.D. Weatherley, RAF (retd), and Mrs Weatherley, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.H. Grinsted
and Mrs P.M. Hatcher
The engagement is announced between Clifford Hazelton Grinsted, JP, of Eastbourne, and Patricia Hatcher (née Pearce) of Battle, East Sussex.

Mr B. Heath
and Miss C. Moncrieff
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs William Heath, of Guildford, Surrey, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Charles Moncrieff, of Methven, Perthshire.

Mr A. Kollias
and Miss S.L.M. Prebble
The engagement is announced between Adonis (Antony), elder son of Mr and Mrs N. Kollias, of Skiathos, Greece, and Sarah Lorne Melville, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Prebble, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr S.P. Morrell
and Miss F.M. Jenkins
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.W. Morrell, of Upper Cumberworth, West Yorkshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.S. Jenkins, of Rushden, Northamptonshire.

Mr N.D. Rose-Innes
and Dr R.P. Salmon
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Dryden, elder son of Professor and Mrs A.C. Rose-Innes, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Rosemarie Philomena, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Salmon, of Whyteleafe, Surrey.

Mr R.C. Stott
and Miss M. Atsukawa
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Professor and Mrs Peter Stott, of Dulwich, London, and Maki, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Atsukawa, of Tokyo, Japan.

Countess's parrot poser

The Countess of Harewood (above) has a linguistic problem with her Australian cockatoos, for the exotic birds have been forgetting their origins since they were brought to the bird garden at Harewood House, near Leeds.

Some of them have been in Yorkshire for nearly 20 years and the local accent has rubbed off on them. They fly around saying "Hello luv" and "Now then".

Lady Harewood, who was born in Australia, plans to spend part of the winter, when the bird garden is closed, chatting to the cockatoos in their cages to remind them of their antipodean ancestry.

"I'll think of a few good phrases to teach them, like g'day mate, or no worries," she said. "They are very bright birds and they'll soon pick it up."

Ealing College of Higher Education

Ealing College of Higher Education has awarded Honorary Fellowships of the College to: Mr Donald Cashmore and Baroness Platt of Writtle, CBE.

Science report

Fast-learning birds survive in the forest

By Gareth Huw Davies

The principle of survival of the fittest that underpins Darwin's view of evolution may need slight modification to cover the case of the birds of the tropical rain forest. It is not so much survival of the fittest, as survival of the quickest learners.

Behind this suggestion lies a study into how tropical birds learn to choose their dietary menu in the species-rich tropical forest. The range is enormous. But for the bird that makes a wrong choice, the fare is potentially fatal.

For instance, insectiverous birds are faced with hundreds or thousands of local insect species. Many are poisonous or spiny, or non-poisonous but mimic the poisonous ones. The same is true for fruit-eating birds, faced with hundreds of species, some nutritious, some poisonous.

How does the bird gather the bewildering amount of information it needs to make the right choice quickly enough to survive?

Until now scientists have assumed that birds rely on instinct and are poor at learning, unlike social animals, such as lions, which acquire skills after observation and imitation. But new research, published in *Nature*, suggests that tropical forest birds too may learn from observation to specialize on certain prey species in the abundant choice available to them.

Evidence of this learning ability came from studies of the Cocos finch on the Cocos Island off Costa Rica. The Cocos finch population as a whole is extremely general in its eating habits. The finches feed on insects, crustacea, seeds, molluscs, 17 fruit species and 29 flower species.

Researchers Tracey Werner and Tom Sherry recorded a total of 26,770 feeding attempts by 89 marked finchs. They found that each bird specialized in one or a few feeding techniques, such as probing dead leaves for cockroaches, taking nectar from flowers or gleaning insects from branches.

The various specializations seem to be at least in part transmitted by learning, through observation of other individuals. The researchers often saw juvenile finches following an adult at one or two yards, alternately watching and mimicking its feeding techniques. Young finches also imitate warblers and sandpipers.

Professor Jared Diamond, of the University of California, notes that juvenile tropical forest birds spend months foraging with their parents and many species forage in mixed species flocks outside the breeding season. These groups could provide the schools for learning.

The penalty for failure of avian exams is severe. Many young birds in the Sarawak forest die of starvation within a few weeks of dispersing. Professor Diamond suggests that tropical rain forest birds may have been naturally selected for their learning ability.

Source: *Nature*, vol 330, November 1987.

Nature notes

Barn owls hunting by daylight

Barn owls are usually seen at dusk or in the night, flying like giant white moths along hedgerows or around barns. But as winter comes on, and mice and voles get scarcer, they are often driven out to hunt in the *daylight*.

Pink-footed geese and white-fronted geese feed mainly in the daytime on stubble and potato fields, and go back to the estuaries in the evening to roost. But on clear, moonlit nights they will also extend their feeding hours, and fly back to the fields again.

Pinkfoots have already come down from Greenland and Iceland, and are to be found along the coast in Scotland and Lancashire. White-fronts are coming *in from the continent*, and will winter in many southern parts of England.

White-fronted goose.

Small black berries are thick on privet trees and hedges; blackbirds will eat them, but they are poisonous to man. Black berries also linger on the red twigs of the dogwood; and spindle trees on the Downs still keep a few of their bright pink, four-lobed fruits.

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PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S

Pablo Picasso
Tête de Femme de Profil, 1906
Signed, oil on canvas, 18"x14"

This is one of the earliest studies by Picasso of his mistress, Fernande Olivier, and shows the artist first starting to assimilate Greek Classical art.
It is one of 23 Important Modern Paintings and Watercolours from the collection formed by the late Josef Müller, of Solothurn, Switzerland, to be sold at Christie's, King Street, on Monday 30th November at 7.00 p.m.
In addition that evening 55 notable Modern works of art will be sold, including Degas' 'Les Blanchisseuses' and Gauguin's 'Les Trois Huttes'.
For further information about these and other sales in the next week, and for a copy of the monthly sales calendar, please telephone 01-839 2746.

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OBITUARY

IRENE HANDL

Classic Cockney of comedy

Irene Handl, the comedy actress who made a speciality of warm-hearted Cockneys, died yesterday. She was 85.

She was getting on for 40 before she started acting but quickly made her mark and had a long and fruitful career on the stage, in films and on television. Small, dumpy and invariably cheerful, she took naturally to comedy and will be remembered for her portrayals of maids and charladies and dotty aunts.

She was also a successful novelist – a late starter here as well, her first book not appearing until she was in her sixties.

Irene Handl was born in Maida Vale, London, on December 27, 1901. The daughter of a Viennese banker and a French mother, she was educated at a variety of schools and travelled widely in her youth. After her mother's death she stayed at home to look after her father.

When she decided, at an advanced age for such things, to try for a career on the stage, she trained at the Embassy School under Eileen Thorndike (sister of Dame Sybil). She had an immediate success playing the maid in the West End comedy *George and Margaret*, which opened in 1937.

In time she played most of the classic comedy roles, from Mrs Malaprop to Lady Bracknell and her own favourite, the medium Madame Arcati in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. But her biggest stage success was in her more familiar guise as the lovable Cockney char in *Goodnight Mrs Puffin*, which ran for three years in the early 1960s.

By then she had become a national figure through the cinema. She made her first film in 1938 and after a long apprenticeship in small parts she came to the fore in comedies of the 1950s and 1960s like *The Belles of St Trinian's*, *Brothers in Law*, *I'm All Right Jack*, *The Rebel* (with Tony Hancock) and *Heavens Above*. Her best film parts were the disapproving wife of Peter Sellers's Communist shop steward in *I'm All Right Jack* and the Marxist mother of David Warner in *Morgan, A Suitable Case for Treatment*.

In 1965 she surprised and delighted the publishing world with her first novel, *The Sioux*, the portrait of an aristocratic French family, written with originality and insight and revealing a less comfortable side to her personality than had been suggested by her stage Cockneys. She had begun the first draft of the book when she was 14. For 40 years it lay untouched in a linen cupboard and was finally pulled out during the long run of *Goodnight Mrs Puffin* – when she decided that writing might be a good way of recharging her creative batteries.

A sequel, *The Gold Tip Pfitzer*, appeared to similar acclaim in 1973.

The climax of a busy career on television was the comedy series, *For the Love of Ada*, in which she and Wilfred Pickles played an elderly couple finding romance late in life. It ran for three years from 1970 and spawned a film, though its comedy did not transfer happily to the large screen.

Her other television work included the children's comedies, *Metal Mickey* and *Supergran*.

Irene Handl continued to make films, do television shows and even appear in Christmas pantomimes until she was well into her eighties.

Unmarried, she usually had a chihuahua dog for a close companion, and she had an unlikely passion for the records of Elvis Presley.

MR GEOFFREY HITCHCOCK

Mr Geoffrey Hitchcock, CBE, who played an important role with the British Council in Anglo-French relations when Britain entered the Common Market, died on November 25. He was 72.

Geoffrey Lionel Henry Hitchcock was born on September 10, 1915, educated at the Oratory School, Caversham, and Hertford College, Oxford, and served briefly with the British Council before the war. He was commissioned in the London Rifle Brigade in 1939 and served with the King's African Rifles in East Africa and South-East Asia.

Back with the British Council after the war, he worked in London and Germany before becoming the Council's representative in Austria in 1954. There he became acknowledged as an expert on the Balkans – he was a Serbo-Croat-speaker – and he became representative in Yugoslavia in 1962.

In 1970 he returned to London as controller of the Council's home division. This was the period when the British Government, with Christopher Soames as their Ambassador in Paris, were making the final effort to enter the European Community, after the previous rebuffs from General de Gaulle. An important symbol of the links between France and Britain was a new British Cultural Centre in Paris.

In 1973, when Britain was finally admitted, it fell to Hitchcock to try to realise some of the high hopes of a new *entente*, at the cultural level, when he was appointed British Council representative in France and cultural counsellor at the Paris embassy.

He retired from the Council in 1976 and in the following year became external relations consultant to the Bell Educational Trust, Cambridge.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, whom he married in 1950, and by their two sons and a daughter.

MR TONY DICKINS

Mr Anthony Dickins, writer and musician and a founder of *Poetry London*, the magazine which helped to keep poetry alive, and talked about, during the war, died on November 26 at the age of 73.

He was a link with the pre-war world of what that flamboyant man of letters, J.T. Tambimuttu – "Tambi" – called "Fitzrovia": a fringe area of Bloomsbury, centred on the Fitzroy Tavern but ranging over a number of drinking places where people met to put the literary world to rights. *Poetry London* was the result of a meeting over dinner at Buhler's restaurant attended by Tambimuttu (who became its editor), Dickins and Dylan Thomas.

Mr Alan Ross writes:
Tony Dickins was active in various fields but is probably best known as the co-founder of *Poetry London*. A talented pianist and organist, who before the war performed with the Ceylonese cellist Rohan de Saram, he devoted himself in later years to chess, about which he wrote several books.

After Stowe, where he became a close friend of Gavin Maxwell, and Cambridge, he went to India as secretary to the Maharajah of Bharnagar, a post which, in the tradition of Forster and Ackerley, suited him down to the ground. He published one of the best, if not the best, translations of the original and authentic text of Omar Khayyam's famous verse in the *London Magazine*, and took a scholarly interest in a wide variety of subjects.

His war service, spent mainly abroad and from which he emerged with the rank of major, interrupted his career as a musician and subsequently he often found it hard to make ends meet. He was, nevertheless, immensely cheerful in adversity, as he was also right to the end of a long and painful illness.

MR GRIGORIOS KASSIMATIS

Mr Grigorios Kassimatis, wartime resistance worker who went on to hold a variety of posts in Greek Cabinets, died on November 27, aged 81. He had the rare distinction of membership of the Academy of Athens; his main contribution had been in the field of applied labour law.

His first involvement in Greece's politics was as a junior under-secretary in 1936. He resigned when General Metaxas imposed a dictatorship. During the German occupation he published the underground newspaper *Paron* and was sent to a prison camp until the liberation.

After the war he was elected as an Athens Deputy in nine general elections, first as an independent, then with the Liberal Party and finally with the National Radical Union of Constantine Karamanlis. His Government posts included those of Minister of Labour, Finance and Justice.

From 1978-82 he was Greek Ambassador to Unesco in Paris.

George Korngold, internationally known as a record producer and editor of film music, died in Los Angeles on November 26. He was 58.

He was the son of the composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold and often arranged revivals of his father's work. From 1966-76 he was a producer with RCA Records, where he won a reputation for his Classic Film Score series of records.

Films on which he himself worked included *The Turning Point*, *The Fall of the Roman Empire* and *Fedora*.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him

Romans 10 : 12

BIRTHS

BAGSHAWE - On November 27th at Pembury Hospital, Kent, to Daphne, wife of Nicholas Bagshawe, a daughter.

CORNWALLIS - On November 25th, to Sara and Jeremy, a son, Alexander.

CURTIS - On November 26th, at Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Jenny (Genevra Caws) and James, a daughter, Polly Joanna Sarah.

HAWARD - On November 25th 1987, to Nicola (née Way) and David, a son, Tom Atheiston Ayton.

KELLEY - On November 27th, 1987 at The Garden Hospital to Suzie and Barry a daughter Georgia Camilla Buffy, a sister for Clare and Oliver.

KING - On November 25th, in Hong Kong to Sally (née Walker-Gray) and James, a son.

KING - On November 27th 1987, to Michael & Frances-Anne, a son, Piers Michael Hugo, at RUH, Bath, a brother for Edward and Dominic.

LEVISEUR - On November 1st, to Mary (née Queenan) and Nicholas, a son, James Henry Templer.

MALNICK - On November 26th, to Lesley (née Connick) and John, a son, Jack William.

MERRY - On November 27th to Rosemary (née Moore) and Phillip, a daughter Helen Katherine, a sister for Robert and Thomas.

PATERSON - On November 26th at Taunton to Ruth (née Winstanley) and Andrew a son David Andrew.

PICK - On November 26th 1987, to Juliet (née Stevens) and David, a son, Daniel Alexander Eugene, a brother for Shosannah.

RILEY - On November 26th 1987, at Greenwich Hospital, to Nicola (née Prime) and Martin a son, William Luke.

MARRIAGES

PAUL:LEE - On November 17th 1987, a service of blessing was held in St John's Cathederal, Hong Kong, of the marriage (which took place in September) between Patrick Paul and Louisa Lee, both of Hong Kong.

DEATHS

CARTER - On November 25th, Edwin William (Freeman and Former Town Clerk of the Borough of Blyth) of Hepscott, The Riding, in his 76th year. Dearly beloved husband of Joan, dearly loved father of Anthony, Christopher and families. Service and cremation at Cowpan, Northumberland on Monday November 30th at 3.00pm. Friends please meet at Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to JW Peters, Wellwood House, Morpeth.

CHAPMAN - On November 27th 1987, peacefully at King Edward The VII Hospital, Midhurst, Henry Arnold, beloved husband of the late Joan, father of Brian, and Frances, and much loved grandfather. Private Cremation, followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Lukes, Grayshott, Hants, on Wednesday December 2nd, at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to West Sussex Macmillan Service, Midhurst, GU29 0BL.

COOK - On Wednesday November 25th, 1987, at St Lukes Hospice, Sheffield, Christopher Richard Cook. Beloved husband of Denise and father of Richard, Joanne and Alison. Sadly missed by all at his former company, Olavi. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Conisborough, Doncaster at 1.45 pm on Wednesday December 2nd, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, to The Doncaster Hospice Appeal or St Peter's Church.

DOUGLAS - on November 27th, peacefully in her sleep in Lynwood Nursing Home, Northampton, Marie Douglas ('Duggie'), formerly music teacher at Maidwell Hall, aged 88, after a very long illness borne with great courage. Donations to Watts & Co, High St, Olney, Bucks in aid of Musicians Benevolent Society.

DUNCAN-SANDYS - On November 26th 1987, peacefully at home, Lord Duncan Sandys after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Marie-Claire, father of Julian, Edwina, Celia and Laura and step father of Annabel. Funeral service will be private but a memorial service will be announced later.

EVANS - On November 27th 1987, suddenly but peacefully at home, Mary Stella, darling wife of Gwynne. She will be greatly missed by her husband and by her son Neill and his wife Valerie, by her daughter Susan and her husband Lee, by her sister Betty and by her grandsons Gareth and Stuart. Funeral 4 pm, Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell. Flowers to Camberley and District Funeral Service, Yorktown Road, College Town, Camberley.

HAMILTON - On November 26th, as a result of a road accident, Frank Adrian Hamilton, aged 39, beloved husband of Hazel, dear son of Dr. Frank Hamilton and Mrs Menna Hamilton, much loved brother of Susan, dearly loved son-in-law of Eric and Eileen Booth of Stockport. Enquiries to S. Newling & Son, Telephone Royston 42375.

HAMMOND - On November 27th 1987, peacefully at home, Sybil, beloved wife of Richard and a most loving mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral service at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, Sussex on Thursday December 3rd, 1987 at 2.15pm. Cremation private. Flowers to R Medhurst, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex.

HAYWARD - On November 24th, peacefully in hospital in Harpenden after a long illness courageously fought, Anthony Paul Hayward, aged 44, deeply missed. Funeral at Rimpton Parish Church, Sherborne on November 30th at 2.00pm.

HITCHCOCK - On November 26th, 1987 after a short illness, Geoffrey Lionel Henry C.B.E of Shipton-Under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary, and father of Jeremy, Roger, and Rosamund. Requiem Mass at 11.30 am, Friday December 4th at Chipping Norton Roman Catholic Church. Family flowers only, donations to charity. Memorial Service in London to follow.

HUGILL - On November 25th Sidney Howard much loved husband of Louise and father of Joan, Julie, Lesley and Christopher. Funeral, 2nd December 2pm, Trent Park Cemetery, Barnet.

IVERSON - On November 27th, after a long illness in hospital, Edward Francis, in his 87th year, fortified by the Rights of the Church. Requiem Mass on Monday, December 7th, at 2.15 pm, in the Parish Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood, followed by interment. No flowers but donations to Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1. Requiescat in Pace. Enquiries to Bennett's, 120 High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

LEE - On November 24th 1987 in Oshawa, Ontario, Ian Nicholas MB, BS aged 55, beloved husband of Margaret & loving father of Amanda, David, Catherine & Andrew.

ODDY - On November 26th, Gilbert C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., of Wing in Rutland. Husband of Irene and father of Jonathan. Managing Director of Cedar Gulf Trading Limited. Funeral enquiries to Fords of Oakham. Tel: 0572 2654.

SANDRELLI - On November 25th, 1987, in Rome, suddenly, Maurizio, aged 43 years. He left a wife and two daughters. Private funeral.

SHEPHERD - On November 24th 1987, Professor William Morgan (Shep), much loved father of Audrey and Gillian. Cremation at Canford Crematorium, Canford Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Thursday 3rd December at 11am. Enquries to R. Davies & Son, Funeral Directors, 381 Gloucester Road, Bristol BS7 8TN. If desired, donations in lieu of flowers to: The Treasurer, The Samaritans, 37 St. Nicholas Street, Bristol, BS1.

SHIRLEY - On 27th November 1987, peacefully, John Wilfred O.B.E. Much loved husband of Shelagh May (and formerly of the deceased Gladys) and father of Diana. Private cremation. Service of thanksgiving at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, Nothamptonshire on Thursday 3rd December at 2.30pm. Family flowers only - donations if desired to Cheshire Homes, c/o Natwest Bank, Olney, Bucks.

VIATKIN - Vsevolod, On November 24th in Nottingham beloved father of Alexandra and Sergei. Funeral on Wednesday December 2nd at 3pm in Nottingham. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services (0602) 732848

WHALLEY - On November 25th, suddenly, Joan Leslie Clunes, adored wife of Bob, and much loved mother and grandmother. Family Cremation, to be followed by a Memorial service and Internment of the ashes at St. Marys Church, Hawkesbury, on December 9th at 2pm. No flowers please.

WOOTTON - On November 26th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Paul. Much loved husband of Anne, father of Tim and Sarah. Funeral at St Mary's, Upton Grey on Wednesday December 2nd at 1.45pm. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to: The Trinity College, Oxford Appeal Fund or The British Heart Foundation.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVANS - The Memorial Service for Dr John Stephen Evans, of Eltham and Halstead, will take place at Christ Church, High Street, Eltham, SE9 on December 5th at 12.45.

HARBORD - A Memorial Service for The Reverend Derek Harbord will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, on Friday December 4th at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DRUMALBYN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Right Honourable Lord Drumalbyn of Whitesands, PC KBE, will be held at Crown Court, Russell Street, WC2, on December 3rd, 1987, at 6 pm.

GLASSBOROW - Maurice, November 30th, 1986. Dearest Daddy, thinking of you today and always. So sadly missed. Mat.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: R S Blackman - DDNLP 15 1 88; J G G Hunter - Staff of CINCFLEET 29.4.88, R N M Paige - SHAPE 12.8 88.

COMMANDERS: T C Chittenden - Talent bldg 3.5.88; C J Clay - Minerva in Cmd 28.4 88; C M Denes - Exchange service with RAN (2 yrs); T Morton - Sirius in Cmd 4.5.88; A B Ross - Edinburgh in Cmd 26 2.88; P J Tribe - Invincible 17.5.88; J Vosper - FO Flotilla One.

SURGEON COMMANDERS: D A Cunningham - Bristol 22.3.88; T R Douglas-Riley - MOD London 18.1.88.

CHAPLAINS: W A D Berryman - Ships of 7th Frigate Sqdn 14 1 88; R F Buckley - Staff of CINCFLEET 4.12 87. J Cruickshank - Raleigh 21.1.88; I Eglin - Neptune 11.12.87.

Retirements

ADMIRAL: Sir David Hallifax - 1.3 88.

COMMANDERS. F M Emmett - 16 1 88. T H Green 16.1.88.

The Army

MAJOR GENERALS: R M Llewellyn - to be GOC WALES, 1.12.87; The Hon W E Rous - to be Comd 4 Armd Div. 30.11 87.

BRIGADIERS: J M Lucken - to be Comdt RSME, 4.12.87; H W R Pike - to be Comd 22 Armd Bde. 4.12 87.

COLONELS: J H McKeown - to MOD. 4.12.87; M W Stott - to HQ BAOR. 4.12 87; S J Abate - to Ord Bd. 11.12.87; D W Fox - to HQ BFHK. 8 12.87; M A Gilbertson - to HQ NE Dist. 4.12.87; A C Platt - to LE(A). 30.11 87.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: P G E Bartholomew SCOTS DG - to MOD. 30 11.87; S J M Jenkins 4/7 DG - to RMAS. 30.11.87; J R Orde AAC - to Staff College. 30.11.87; J B Palmer REME - to HQ 4 Armd Div. 30.11.87; P C Scott RTR - to HQ UKLF. 30 11.87; P P Wallace-Stock RAOC - to be CO 2 Ord Bn. 4 12 87; J E F Walton RA - to MOD. 2.12 87; J R A Ward DWR - to be CO 4 YORKS. 1.12.87. M A Harwood WRAC - to be Cmd WRAC HQ WDist. 4.12.87.

Retirements

LIEUTENANT GENERAL: J P B C Watts. Late R IRISH. 2.12.87

BRIGADIER: D J Porter. Late RAOC 6.12 87.

QARANC

COLONELS. Colonel B Tasker RRC - Comdt QARANC Trng Centre 10 5.87; Lt Colonel M A Agate RRC - Chief Med (Nursing) NE District/Matron DKMH Catterick 30 11.87. NS(A) DMSD MOD 25 4.88; Lt Col S M Cooper ARRC - Chief Med (Nursing) NE District/Matron DKMH Catterick 18.4.88.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: Lt Colonel K M Taylor - ADANS UKLF 23.11.87; Lt Colonel J B Gillies - Matron BMH Hanover 26.1.88; Lt Colonel K A Challis - Deputy Matron Cambridge Military Hospital. 8.2.88; Lt Col S L McAulay - Matron BMH Rinteln 22.2.88; Lt Colonel R Timms - CRLC 7.3 88; Lt Colonel M E Mulhern - Matron BMH Hong Kong 28.3.88; Major M A Scannell - Theatre Superintendent Cambridge Military Hospital 11.1.88.

RMAC

Brigadier Brynley Lawrence Francis, late RAMC, is appointed Comdt RAMC 30.11.87, in succession to Colonel Frederick Alexander Cyril Hine tenure expired.

Royal Air Force

Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine to be Air Member for Supply and Organisation in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, November 27.

Air Vice-Marshal J H Harris to be Commandant General RAF Regiment and Director-General to Security (RAF) in succession to Air Vice-Marshal D. B. Leech. December 1.

Honorary appointment

Group Captain D. F. A. Henderson has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Queen from November 27, in succession to Group Captain P. C. Norriss.

GROUP CAPTAINS: D F A Henderson - to RAF Marham as Stn Cdr. 27.11 87; J R Day - to RAF Odiham as Stn Cdr. 27 11 87; R H Gould - to RAF Kinloss as Stn Cdr. 27.11 87; M K Widdowson - to RAF Mount Pleasant as Stn Cdr. 27.11.87; J V Bell - to RAF Lyneham as Stn Cdr. 27.11.87; A M Wills - to HQ NATO. 27.11 87; G S Wilson - to RAF IDHT. 30 11 87. M R Smith - to HQ AIRSOUTH. 4.12.87.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrea Palladio, architect, Padua, 1508; Sir Philip Sidney, Penshurst, Kent, 1554; Jonathan Swift, Dublin, 1667; Theodor Mommsen, historian, Garding, Germany, 1817; Mark Twain, Florida, Missouri, 1835; Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace, 1874.

DEATHS: Oscar Wilde, Paris, 1900; Edward John Eyre, explorer in Australia and colonial governor, Tavistock, 1901; Wilhelm Furtwängler, conductor, Baden-Baden, 1954; Patrick Kavanagh, poet, Dublin, 1967; Sir Terence Rattigan, Hamilton, Bermuda, 1977.

Today is St Andrew's Day. Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire, 1936. Russia invaded Finland, 1939.

Church news

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PETERS Commander G. G. Peters RN and family wish to express their sincere gratitude for all the kindness, support and the sympathy received at this sad time from friends and relatives. The interment will be at West Stoke Church, near Chichester at a future date.

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Dated this ninth day of November 1987
NIGEL HAMILTON-SMITH
Liquidator

RE: MANAGEMENT CONTRACTING SERVICES LIMITED, BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 10TH OCTOBER 1986.
NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. OF 332 BRIGHTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY WITH A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
DATED 23RD NOVEMBER 1987

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DATED 20TH NOVEMBER 1987

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DATED 20TH NOVEMBER 1987

ELECTRONIC MARKETING CONSULTANCY LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London, on the 3rd day of December 1987 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having a report on the position of the company's affairs laid before them.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Dated this 19th day of November 1987
N H Cooper
Joint Administrative Receiver

DARGAN & CO. LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on Monday 14th December 1987 at 2.00pm for the purposes mentioned is Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors wishing to vote must submit a written statement of their claim to the Joint Administrative Receivers, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, together with a proxy, if appropriate, by 12.00pm on Friday 11th December 1987.
Dated 20th October 1987
J J Schapira
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 006589 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
ALLEBONE & SONS, PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 12th November 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the sum of £4,000,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Gibson at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 14th day of December 1987.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 25th day of November 1987
Travers Smith Braithwaite of
6 Snow Hill London EC1A 2AL
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

IN THE MATTER OF TAMASHA LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 25 December 1987 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Buchler of David Buchler & Co., 17/18 Dover Street, London W1X 3PB, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
11 November 1987
DAVID BUCHLER,
Liquidator

Company Number- 2044724. Name of Company: TAMASHA LIMITED. Nature of Business: CORPORATE ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANTS. Type of Liquidation: CREDITORS. Address of registered office: 17/18 Dover Street, London W1X 3PB. Liquidator name and address: DAVID JULIAN BUCHLER FCA. 17/18 DOVER STREET, LONDON W1X 3PB. Office Holder Number: 06 3134. Date of appointment: 11 NOVEMBER 1987. By whom appointed: CREDITORS.
Date 11 November 1987
D J BUCHLER
Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
In the matter of Seaforth Limited
High Court No. 002916 of 1987

Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Lawrence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 2nd October 1987.
MELVYN L. ROSE F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator
The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
In the matter of J.S. Stephens Limited
High Court No. 00908 of 1987

Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Lawrence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 25th June 1987.
Melvyn L. Rose F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
IN WINDING UP BY COURT
COMPANY NUMBER: 812823
INDUSTRIAL STORAGE & FORWARDING LIMITED

I, BARRY JOHN WARD 1, 2 & 3 COLLEGE YARD, WORCESTER WR1 2LB GIVE NOTICE THAT ON 24th October 1986 I WAS APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF Industrial Storage & Forwarding Limited, BY AN ORDER OF THE COURT DATED 24th October 1986.
DATED: 17th November 1987
B J WARD
Liquidator

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

CENTRAL TENDERS BOARD
INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Invitation to Tender for the Financing, Supplying and Installation of Civil Air Traffic Control Radar for the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago)

Tenders are invited for the Financing, Supplying and Installation of Civil Air Traffic Control Radar for the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago).

2. Tender Documents including Bills of Quantities, Specifications and Conditions of Contract may be perused by arrangement with the Office of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Caroni North Bank Road, Piarco, Trinidad, during normal working hours but may be taken away only on production of a valid receipt from the Cashier, Treasury or any District Revenue Office of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago showing that a Tender Deposit of T&T $1,000.00 has been paid. The original Tender Deposit receipt must accompany the tender. Tender deposits will be refunded under the conditions set out in the Central Tenders Board Ordinance.

3. The Scope of work includes the following:-

(i) The Design, Supply and Installation of Primary Surveillance Radar and Secondary Surveillance Radar.

(ii) The Design and Construction of Sites Access Roads to Mount Catherine and Tamana Hill. (The site of Tamana Hill will be included in a price option).

(iii) The Design and Construction of Equipment and Personnel Buildings at the Antennae Sites and Piarco International Airport respectively.

(iv) The Design, Supply and Installation of UHF Communication Links between the Radar Sites and Piarco International Airport.

(v) The Design, Supply and Installation of all Computer Displays and Communication Equipment.

4. The Financial and other parameters in respect of the tenders are as follows;

(a) The project will be financed and executed by the successful Tenderer who will be paid by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago or a designated Governmental Agency over a mutually agreed period, following final completion of the project.

(b) Tenderers are required to submit with the tenders a detailed finance package for the total contract price including interest charges, bridging finance, re-payment schedules, moratoria etc.

(c) Tenderers must provide with their tenders a Letter of Guarantee from their financial agent/s in relation to the method of financing proposed for the project.

5. Tenders must be accompanied by a valid Income Tax Certificate issued by the Board of Inland Revenue of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and dated not more than six (6) months prior to the closing date of the Tender. This requirement also applies to foreign firms which may or may not have performed work previously in Trinidad and Tobago under its present or some other name.

6. Tenderers are required to provide along with their tenders, a Tender Bond in an acceptable form in the amount of T&T$500,000. The Bond will be released to all Tenderers except the successful tenderer upon award of the contract. The Bond of the successful tenderer will be released upon the signing and delivery of the Agreement.

7. Stamp Duty must be affixed to Tender Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Duty Act Chap. 76.01.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a formal Agreement with the General Manager, Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago and provide a Performance Bond in acceptable form in an amount equivalent to 15% of the tender sum which shall remain in force during the period of the contract and for two (2) further months after its completion.

9. Tenderers are required to visit the site/s and acquaint themselves with conditions pertaining to the project which may affect or influence the tender. Site appointments and further information relating to the project can be obtained from the Manager, Planning and Engineering, Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, Caroni North Bank Road, Piarco, Trinidad. Telephone NO. 664/8047.

10. Five copies of the Tender must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, marked on the outside "Tender for Civil Air Traffic Control Radar - Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago" addressed to the Director of Contracts, 48-50 Sackville Street, (Upstairs), Port of Spain, Trinidad, and deposited in the Brown Tenders Box at the Central Tenders Board Office not later than 12.00 hours (NOON) on Monday January 11, 1988.

11. Late tenders will not be considered in any circumstances.

12. Tenders shall be rejected for failure to comply with any of the above requirements. The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

R. YEARWOOD,
AG. DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS.
CTB:87/216
25th September, 1987

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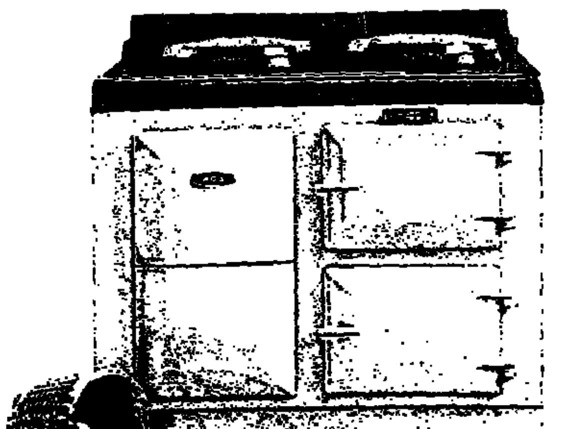
Psychic or not, the only really odd thing about Gustav Dalén is that his name wasn't Gustav Aga.



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Creative viewing

TELEVISION

"Thematic variation", the ability to follow patterns while altering them, is a vital part of our artistic *imagination* — so we were told in Sunday's ambitious, intriguing, elegantly rambling study of human creativity, *Naturally Creative* (C4). Necessarily, the programme could only suggest rather than argue out in detail its complex, controversial theories.

According to one Saturday newspaper equally eager to engage with essential verities, thematic variation is also the secret to what it claims is the distinctly unnatural artistic creation of Terry Wogan's "growth" of hair. That great twinkler on cue was not to be upstaged. Wig, woven, or just pure Wogan, his hair flowed boldly with a Beatle abundance of old as he popped up on our screens on Saturday night to thank viewers for their charitable contributions.

His coiffeur of confidence was no doubt further bolstered when in *Late Night with David Letterman* (C4), his latest rival as chat show host gingerly stroked his gingerish locks and declared, "I have the worst hair in showbusiness". Hair, however, was not the worst thing about this very pleasant, clean-cut, if sneakered, cult hero of New York television. Judging from the reaction of the American studio audience, he was obviously fluent, intelligent and witty in his own language.

The problem for British viewers was when he occasionally lapsed into English between the coded messages about American television and football. You could understand the words but were rather bemused as to why they were rolling in the aisles.

Mercifully, there were some anthropological pointers. A little man who gave us a few funny faces and accents was pictured with a copy of *Newsweek* declaring him to be the funniest man in America and we had a female comic who was obviously not the funniest woman even in America. What was more confusing was that this engagingly laid-back laugh-at-anything laugh-in came from the home town of a comic of such universal *and* local genius as Woody Allen.

Andrew Hislop

Insecure playing

CONCERT

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli

Festival Hall

The rarely performed Violin Concerto which Schumann wrote for Joachim has had its advocates: Kulenkampff for one and Menuhin, not least, for another. But, judging by Saturday night's performance, neither Gidon Kremer nor Giuseppe Sinopoli can be counted among their number.

The hiatuses in the forward flow of the music, its erratic melodic inspiration, and its sometimes insecure orchestration need to be met by clear thinking and confident performance. Kremer and Sinopoli are both, in their different ways, highly idiosyncratic musicians; and they are good neither for each other nor, in this case, for Schumann.

Kremer's approach seemed to be to try and convince his listeners, and indeed himself, of the significance of each note. But by protesting too much, the whole lacked coherent meaning. His deeply felt, characteristically volatile playing was met by orchestral accompanying of no clearly defined concept.

The slow movement's exquisite fragility, with its halting, off-beat accompaniment, became mere brittleness, and the finale's Polish rhythms were less than secure in the context of what had gone before.

It was, curiously enough, a deep-seated sense of insecurity which dominated the Philharmonia's performance of Dvorak's "New World" Symphony after the interval. In order, perhaps, that familiarity should not breed contempt on the part of the orchestral players or of the audience, one or two variations were introduced into the performance.

A spread chord effect surfaced at the opening of the second movement and was repeated with remarkable consistency as accompanying material later on. And, after a slow movement of profound and prolonged melancholy, the central song of the Scherzo rang out with a novel chorus of staggered entries, each jostling for supremacy with the other.

Hilary Finch

Rosalind Plowright as Norma: **John Higgins** applauds a British soprano's triumph in Paris

Martial and maternal

OPERA

Norma

Paris Opéra

No-one is quite sure when, if ever, a British soprano last opened the season at the Opéra's major house. That privilege was to have fallen earlier in the month to Rosalind Plowright, singing the title role in the new production of Bellini's *Norma*. Illness kept her out of the first three performances, but she is now on stage and in commanding and appropriately fiery form as the druidess who ends her days on the pyre.

It is an evening of vocal splendour and visual misery. One of Pier Luigi Pizzi's very few original touches is to have Norma make her entrance on a log platform borne by six young druids, biceps a-ripple. Plowright delivered her opening recitative aloft before descending to sing "Casta diva", her face filled with the silver light of that chaste goddess, the moon, Pizzi's second and final happy touch. The aria was shaped in an almost awestruck *mezza voce* to begin, swelling into that sumptuous soprano of which Plowright is capable on her best nights.

Rosalind Plowright: a sumptuous soprano in an inspiring performance

If the first act showed high promise in a world virtually bereft of Normas then Act II showed real accomplishment. Plowright got to the centre of that mixture of the martial and the maternal which makes up Norma, using her chest register to tremendous effect, while blending sweetly with her Adalgisa to make the "Mira, o Norma" duet the pivotal point of the opera, as indeed it should be. Some of the earlier exchanges between the two ladies had been too conversational, the result of some slack conducting by Maximiano Valdes. Her appearance is properly imperious, especially in profile, with a red cloak slung over a white satin gown. The gestures could be tamed a bit, especially a Statue of Liberty pose with one arm held aloft; I question too the use of white gloves while performing druidic functions - serving a particularly fine bottle of Château Irminsul, perhaps? But this is an inspiring performance.

It was inspiringly matched - and contrasted - by the Adalgisa of Martine Dupuy, very much the darling mezzo of the Paris public at the moment and with justification. Dupuy plays the soft blonde to Plowright's pugnacious brunette, employing smooth and creamy tone to cut Adalgisa clear of Norma's more staccato outbursts. Pollione must have been a man of very varying tastes if he could not decide between two such different women.

In that ungrateful role of the Roman proconsul Maurizio Frusoni made a solid enough impression. The middle of the voice is secure; but on the opening Plowright night, when an apology for indisposition was made, there was not much to be heard at the top or the bottom. Vocal judgement therefore has to wait. Pollione looked suitably baffled as he finally made his way off to death in a dreary little bonfire which looked as though it might just endanger the sacred oak of Irminsul before devouring druidess and pro-consul - a wretched finale from Pizzi.

Francesco D'Artegna, however, looked a fine prospect as Oroveso: a natural bass with firm and rounded delivery who looks as though he needs only a little more weight and experience to move into the top league. The Paris chorus too distinguished themselves when they could be seen in the ill-lit and depressing staging. When Pier Luigi Pizzi designed *Norma* for Covent Garden some years ago he set it in a sort of open cast mine. For Paris he has gone down to the pits, in all senses of the phrase. A series of sooty screens come together to form Norma's cave; a delapidated stone tower - Pollione's predecessors must have run it up pretty quickly - parts from time to time to reveal old Irminsul. Norma may take place mainly at night, but not all nights are so glum.

Maximiano Valdes, who comes to the Barbican for *Adriana Lecouvreur* next month, was the indifferent conductor, over urgent at the start, showing little feel for Bellini's orchestral shading and not giving his singers much support. There was improvement towards the end, but he still seemed a strange choice for this work. Go for the singers, they are likely to convert the Opéra to this work which has previously had but a couple of dozen performances here in a century and a half - although five of those were with Callas.

True to the bop tradition

Betty Carter opens tonight at Ronnie Scott's. **Clive Davis** met the woman with one of jazz's most idiosyncratic voices

We met in an empty hall, called the Guinness Spot, at Queen's University. Later that evening, it was to be the scene of Betty Carter's debut at the Belfast Festival. As her trio gathered for a sound check on a bleak afternoon, however, it hardly seemed the best place to hear one of the jazz world's most idiosyncratic vocalists.

Carter, still wearing a thick coat, looked as if she had the same thought in mind. She had already arrived in a less than cheerful mood, having been kept waiting for a taxi from her hotel. Now she was unhappy with the acoustics, despite the sound engineer's reassurances.

Fortunately, after a burst of scat singing, the atmosphere grew more relaxed as Carter passed on advice to her band. As usual, she is touring with some of the brightest young players on the New York scene: her pianist, Steven Scott, an uncannily mature improviser, is the youngest at 18. Carter is clearly proud of them.

"I like to have these young guys around me. They've got the thing I love — energy. You don't always get that if you carry on with the same players for 10 or 15 years. Guys like that might start worrying about what time they're going to get offstage. They can take you for granted."

The singer has a reputation as a disciplinarian and astute talent spotter — past members of her band include the drummer Kenny Washington and the bassist Curtis Lundy. Now, at 57, it looks as if her own career is about to move up a gear. After more than a decade and a half of releasing albums on her own Bet-Car label, she is sorting out the final details of a distribution and production contract with a major record company.

She is reluctant to give away too much, but says it should solve one of the main problems facing her admirers — finding reissues of her old recordings. Meanwhile, after a long gap, a new LP is due to be released next year.

Betty Carter: "These young guys have what I love - energy"

For all that, Carter is the kind of artist who is best appreciated live. In an intimate venue such as Ronnie Scott's — where she begins a week's residency on tonight — she pulls listeners into each song, stripping melodies down to basics and reassembling them to suit her husky voice.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, she has never enjoyed a broad commercial following: her allegiances belong with the uncompromising bop tradition. In that respect, at least, she has not changed since the days when she played truant from high school in Detroit to listen to Charlie Parker.

"I loved that music. So much so I asked if I could go up on the bandstand and sing, and he said yes. The next day I wanted to go up again, but I waited until he asked *me* first. That's the way it was. If they knew you were good, they'd approach you."

Carter says she longed to join Dizzy Gillespie's group, but she eventually signed up with the more conventional Lionel Hampton Orchestra where, inbetween arguments with the band leader, she learned to write her own orchestrations. After three tempestuous years with the band, she left in 1951 to work as a solo singer.

She did well to survive the musical slump of the late 1960s and early 1970s, when fusion and jazz-funk swamped all but the most determined artist. The experience has certainly left her with strong views about the jazz tradition.

"I saw the problems coming early on, way before the 1970s. When the Beatles, Motown and especially free jazz came on the scene, I knew we were in trouble. It got to a point when any player could get ahead just by saying he had something new. What we got was a whole generation of black jazz musicians who'd forgotten about musicianship. And we lost the black audience."

In the 1980s, of course, neo-classicism is all the rage, led by the Marsalis brothers. As if to prove the point, Carter's trio suddenly drowns our conversation with a bebop theme, casually negotiating the chord changes. Carter smiles indulgently.

It is a good time, she thinks, for jazz to consolidate its position. "Black commercial music has levelled off with rapping. That's one-note music. Visually it's very good, but musically there's nothing else to do. Maybe that can give jazz players a chance to do something big."

Greene thoughts

RADIO

With Graham Greene reaching 83 years of age and the Today programme marking a mere 30, it has been a time of mild junketing. Certainly Radio 4 has made an effort for our most celebrated novelist with three new drama productions, three drama repeats and a new reading. James Saunders did a good job of adapting **The Confidential Agent** (November 14) and Elizabeth Troop did nicely with the sad but slighter **Cheap in August** (November 25). Greene's stage play, **The Potting Shed** (November 23) needed less radical treatment from Peggy Wells.

Of the repeats, **Our Man in Havana** was an originally rather entertaining Sunday serial and that is what it has been again. Richard Wortley's adaptation and direction of **The Third Man** screenplay (November 21) dates from 1971, but was new to me. It made a slightly hurried, scrappy start, but quickly settled down, surviving even the use of the famous zither themes to become a radio occasion in its own right.

One misfortune inseparable from this anniversary is that Greene has done so little specifically for radio. In fact the remaining repeat, **The Great Jowett** (November 18), has been the only original contribution and, on the strength of it, Greene's avoidance of radio is very much to be regretted. This 1939 biography of the great and decidedly eccentric Victorian master of Balliol — superbly played by Alan Bennett — remains a very accomplished bit of scripting for the medium.

Otherwise the nearest we have come to Greene direct has been the last fortnight's **Book At Bedtime** with Julian Glover and Kika Markham as the excellent readers of an abridged **The End Of The Affair**. This puts it at two removes from private novel reading, but takes it a step towards the realm of storytelling which adds another sort of immediacy. And then this particular novel's atmosphere of personal confession makes it specially responsive to the intimacy of radio.

By comparison with Graham Greene, *Today* is in its prime and sounds it. Though LBC's AM is sometimes reckoned to be crisper and to show a better grasp of news values, I like what I hear from *Today* quite well enough and what especially endears it to me is its occasional slight rambling tendency.

The current team of Redhead, Hobday, MacGregor and Humphrys is first rate, though if I have a qualm it is that the programme's keenest flavour and greatest geniality stems from Brian Redhead. Remove him and you take away rather more than one presenter out of four, which wasn't quite the situation when we had the Redhead/Timpson double act.

David Wade

Rhetoric and racial hatred

THEATRE

Old Year's Eve

The Pit

Peter Speyer has unquestionably *written this piece from* the heart, and from long personal experience of white South Africa. But its only *effect in performance* is to muffle his own voice under a carapace of deadening rhetoric and second-hand tricks.

With its obligatory symbolic title, *Old Year's Eve* is the kind of play in which the sight of a table laid out for dinner automatically means that the party will end in ruins, and that if a woman enters carrying a suitcase, there is no chance whatever that she is going to leave home.

The play is an exercise in the German *Heimkehrer* style, as adapted by America's post-*Vietnam dramatists*. Soldier boy comes home to a family reunion which reveals that he has been incurably damaged by his patriotic duties, and also that something nasty has happened to the parents since he marched away.

As South Africa is not technically at war with anybody, Mr Speyer draws a veil over young Martin's experiences by bringing him back to his parents' wine-farm after a year in which he has failed to Rsend them as much as a a postcard. Mother fusses over her elegantly laid table. *Father* staggers in for boisterous locker-room hugs with the young hero. Fooling nobody, these cheery opening *flourishes shortly* give way to revelations of sabotage by black workers, flight of the neighbouring farmers, impending *financial* collapse, and the fact that Father is drunk round the clock on his best vintages.

Martin, not to be outdone, drops his cover: he is not on leave, he has deserted so as to fight for his inheritance. Coming home, he says, is "a new phase of the war for me." As he did not know what had been happening there until he arrived, that defence would not cut much ice with his military superiors.

Any hope that this play would present a case for the white community, if only by acknowledging their territorial affections, is swifly extinguished by the *characterization of the men as* a pair of ugly rednecks.

What sympathy there is, of course, is reserved for the mother, who sees her cherished *community* changed to a murderous wasteland. The part is written in prolonged stretches of bitter marital irony, which *Ann Mitchell* diversifies with an extraordinary range of glancing comedy, and quiet despair broken with explosions of violent passion. A rhetorical play, it receives a rhetorical production from Sarah Pia Anderson.

Irving Wardle

Cinderella — The Real True Story

Drill Hall

This is the alternative version, in which Cinderella meets her Princess and lives happily ever after. The American author, Cheryl Moch, tweaks the alternatives out of the familiar tale with some ingenuity, but pads out the *evening* with grossly inferior sub-plots when her chief interest, and the prime source of the humour, is the love affair between the two heroines.

The antics of the two Ugly Brothers, played by actresses, of course, are not a patch on the comic awfulness we are accustomed to see from their male Sisters. Ms Cinders also suffers from a wicked stepfather who has started to look at her funny, and it is to avoid being recognized by him that she disguises herself as a man to go to the ball. Here the Princess falls palpitatingly in love with her and will accept no other.

The show was extravagantly praised in New York, which is no surprise since almost anything archly gay does well over there. Some performances are wretched, like much of the dialogue, but Adèle Saleem's spirited Cinders is given an amusing remedy for all life's problems — when in doubt, dust — so that her first response when Nicola Kathrens' Brooklyn Princess boldly casts off her dress is disapproval at seeing it heaped untidily on the ground. A committed audience cheered.

Jeremy Kingston

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MONDAY PAGE

Child as father to the man

More than 1,000 of the volunteers who answer the Samaritans' phones are teenagers. Jenny Knight found them adept at dealing with adults

Wendy Hoile

When her school friends boast about their Saturday night exploits 16-year-old Jill is silent, even though she could cap all their stories. And when Nancy's office colleagues ask why she is yawning she blushes slightly at the fib and explains she was kept awake by a neighbour's burglar alarm.

Both girls are usually open and frank, but as Samaritans their commitment to confidentiality precludes explaining that their tiredness is not the result of a wild night at a disco but because they were up all night helping desperate people get through those hours of darkness when problems seem most insoluble.

The Samaritans telephone befriending service for the suicidal and depressed is erroneously associated with middle-aged, middle-class women in tweed skirts striving to do their best. Nowadays the friendly voice at the other end of the telephone is just as likely to belong to a lanky adolescent. In fact, more than 1,000 of the Samaritans' 21,000 volunteers are teenagers. Surprisingly callers do not seem to mind pouring out their troubles to a school child, and the Samaritans feel that naivety and inexperience need not be a barrier.

The Samaritans answer more than two million calls a year, and constantly need recruits to maintain that level of cover. More and more children telephone for help: about 500 15-16-year-olds are in touch with London branch alone, and some callers are as young as eight. Calls to the Samaritans actually increased after ChildLine was launched in 1986 to help abused chidren, because operators often give the Samaritans telephone number to children who are unable to get through to ChildLine. Nevertheless, the number of young people committing suicide has risen by 24 per cent in 10 years, to the present figure of one death every day.

Nic Ellerby, the Samaritans youth officer, who at 29 has been a volunteer for 12 years, said: "We are attracting more young people both as callers and volunteers. Teenagers' abilities should not be denegrated because of their age. We encounter real human feelings of despair and some Samaritans who appear very young at first bring something out of their depths of common humanity which cuts through age. Older people can find it easy to talk to them because of their freshness and openness. Naivety need not matter, if the Samaritan is honest. For example: if a caller says he was out 'cottaging' and the Samaritan admits he doesn't know what that means his lack of personal experience is not a problem.

"When teenagers join they are making a personal statement that they are prepared to lose their innocence and ignorance. But I don't agree that we are somehow damaging young people by putting them in touch with all these depressed people. People become Samaritans by a process of self-selection. Only about 40 per cent of those who first apply actually make it, many give up when they learn of the level of commitment involved."

One early loss of innocence by teenage Samaritans tends to come from sex calls which the Samaritans, in common with similar telephone services, are plagued by. In Samaritans jargon these are known as 'M' calls – the 'M' standing for masturbate. The very first call 16-year-old Jill took as a Samaritan was an 'M' call. Despite her training she was still so sheltered that she didn't realise it was a sex call until other Samaritans in the centre passed her a note.

She said: "I didn't have the faintest idea what he was talking about. It shook me a bit."

Jill, the youngest of four children, lives at home with her parents and enjoys their company to the extent that an off-duty Saturday night is often spent playing cards with them. She lives in the pleasant market town of Beverley in Humberside where she plays the organ for a local church and studies for four A levels. Into this wholesome existence she fits regular visits to the Samaritans centre in Hull, eight miles away. As she chats Jill's voice reveals much of her warm, bubbly personality, but it is also unmistakably the voice of a youngster.

"A couple of callers said I sound young and asked what I know about the problems life brings, but most people don't mind. I'm just a regular sixth form kid who hasn't had a lot of experience of the bad things in life, but I think it is more important that I am there and I'm ready to listen. Some people call back and say 'Thanks. I'm all right now,' and that gives you a bit of contentment, but others really don't want to carry on with life and we are not there to persuade them otherwise, just to lift the burden while they went to talk."

Jill's awareness of her own good fortune made her want to help others, while Lisa, another teenage girl at the same centre, joined after experiencing two miserable years of intermittent depression. Lisa, now 18, found the pressure to succeed socially and scholastically too much for her. When she was 16 she became so depressed she "had to get out of school, to get completely away." Friends and relatives helped her, and Lisa fought her depression by forcing herself to take part in social activities and normal life. Even so she explains: "It took me a long time to climb out of the hole. I wanted to do something for people who don't have someone to turn to. I think I am a lot more sympathetic now because I experienced depression. No calls are ever the same. There are so many problems in the world."

Lisa is now back at college, studying for A levels. She finds the all-night duties, which come round about once a month, tiring and emotionally demanding. But unlike Nancy, 22, she doesn't have to conceal her tiredness from the critical eyes of workmates. Nancy, who works as a secretary in Amersham, Bucks, has been a Samaritan for three years. Like all volunteers, Nancy finds it impossible to judge how much help she is. Local papers are scanned to try to match up reports of inquests and fatalities with callers who suddenly stop ringing in.

She said: "We can't wave a magic wand, but if some callers feel better for having someone listen that is justification enough. But you have to be feeling pretty good yourself. Some Samaritans have a personal crisis like divorce or bereavement and have to "black hole", that is stop coming in for a time. I have a live and let live personality. I don't feel disgusted by any of the people who call. I'm not upset by sex calls, but sad to say they do have less individuality to me. They are often lonely people, but I do have a chat a fair number of times."

Like other young Samaritans Nancy considers age irrelevant, although she admits that one woman rang off after learning her age. It does, however, seem beyond argument that the teenage volunteers have as beneficial affect as other Samaritans twice their age. But many of those older Samaritans are not certain that teenagers should have such close contact with society's most despairing members. Significantly, few young Samaritans are the sons and daughters of other Samaritans, because these parents often discourage their children when they are young.

> *'Older people can find it easier to talk to teenagers because of their freshness and openness'*

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TALKBACK

Army wives' lives

From Julia Reilly, Federation of Army Wives (UKLF), Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wilts.

The picture of discontent amongst Service wives which emerges from Libby Purves's review of Ruth Jolly's book (November 20) is, as far as Army wives are concerned, increasingly out of date. We have our own Federation of Army Wives, which has become an effective means of communicating grievances, identifying needs and making recommendations. To all this the Army's chain of command is responding with sympathy and imagination.

Army wives now have a voice: we are involved in our own welfare and can influence matters which concern us. Wrongs are being righted and solutions found. It is a slow process but attitudes are changing.

We would be happy to show other Service wives how this has been achieved.

From Lieutenant Colonel R C Dixon, Royal Marines, Comstrikforsouth, Naples

May I follow up the conversation on boarding schools (Going Public, November 2) as an overseas serving officer in HM Services? Mrs Cripps and Mrs Ham (Talkback, November 11) are surely lucky people who do not have to move home every couple of years and subject their children to the vagaries of State school standards and curricula; cutting their childrens' ties with old friends and forcing them to make new ones.

Our son boards out of choice; with friends he met as a day boy aged six; in a system that he understands and with a tolerant, caring school staff. After five years in the junior school he has moved up to the senior school without a qualm – he knows the system, the masters and his contemporaries.

Meanwhile, we travel the globe, greeting our son at exotic holiday destinations with *more* love than either of the two ladies could understand, in the satisfaction that Scott enjoys and profits from his schooling, whilst I do my job for HM the Queen. Many service and diplomatic families will endorse this view.

Torquil the toy engine

• Foreign toys may dominate the Christmas market, but Lee Rodwell found one real British winner

The Force is with him: Torquil Norman and toy creations

A lot of little boys are hoping that the force will be with them this Christmas. To be more precise they are hoping for MANTA Force, a new space ship play set chosen by *What Toy?* magazine as the best toy of 1987.

What makes MANTA Force special is that it was designed and made in Britain by Bluebird Toys, a Swindon-based company. The British toy industry as a whole has been going through a disastrous spell yet in six years, Bluebird has found success.

The company was set up by Torquil Norman, former managing director of the now defunct toy company Berwick Tempo. After he left, he says, "I went through a period of thinking 'what the hell, there must be other things than making toys.' Then I had the idea for the teapot."

The Big Yellow Teapot – a playhouse in the shape of a teapot complete with teapot family play-figures – was an immediate hit and still sells well. But Torquil knew that he could not start a business on the basis of one toy.

He said: "I decided that lunch boxes were about to become very popular because the Government was putting up the price of school meals. At that time most children took their packed lunch along in plastic bags and there was still something of a social stigma about not having school meals.

"I thought lunch boxes would be a way of changing the whole thing so that children would want to take lunch to school. My wife was full of warnings about exploiting the situation but I don't think we did. Now we sell more than half a million a year."

The lunch boxes are typical of the way Bluebird combines fun and practicality. They are made from sturdy plastic, are a sensible size and come in a range of bright colours decorated with pictures of characters from Thomas the Tank Engine to Thundercats.

Norman says: "Around the age of five there is a shift of emphasis from parent to child when it comes to buying toys; children start telling parents what they want.

"This can create a problem for the toy industry because certain toys have terrific moments of popularity then the whole things moves on. We tried to avoid that by giving our toys intrinsic play value. Also, we don't flood the market."

MANTA Force, The Mobile Air, Naval and Terrain Assault Force, consists of two spaceships in one, complete with 12 different vehicles and 20 troops.

For Norman, toys are serious business. "We do have lots of fun developing new ideas but we also work very hard", he says. "You can't play at manufacturing toys anymore than you can at anything else."

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Long live women, alas

PENNY PERRICK

We may all be dismayed by the report from the Office of Health Economics about the increasingly unhealthy lives that young women are leading, but we are hardly in a position to be surprised by it. According to the report, a large number of young females drink the equivalent of five spirit measures daily, take no regular exercise and smoke more than men in the same age group.

The report takes a sober view of all this, pointing out that women could be making their way towards an early grave. To which I would say: do something to ensure that old age for a woman is something to aspire to and I will be the first to switch from whisky and chocolate bars to muesli and freshly-squeezed lemon juice.

As things stand, you do not need the perception of Socrates to see that the path of the woman who is no longer youthful is not strewn with roses. It cannot have escaped the younger members of the species that as women grow older, love grows colder, hips get broader and people's eyes slither away to focus on something fresher. To reflect on all these matters can lead one straight to the cigarette machine.

Just to give myself a really bad time, I have been reading Shere Hite's new book, *Women and Love* (to be published in Britain early next year) and if all I have to look forward to is a life like that of Hite's interviewees, that early grave doesn't seem such a bad place to be.

Hite insists that as women progress (hardly the right word in the circumstances) through life, they become insecure, doubting and needy. In one of her interviewee's words: "At this point, I doubt that he loves me or wants me. I do not like the way I look."

I tried to cheer myself up by imagining that things are changing now, that young men are giving young women a better time than their fathers gave their mothers because, for years, everyone has been telling them that it is OK to show their emotions and stop seeing life as a marathon that has to be won at all costs.

But Hite won't have any of that. She insists that men *are* becoming more sensitive but only to their *own* feelings. Instead of living with bottled-up thugs, young women stand a good chance of sharing houseroom with a man who flounces around, talking about his needs and demanding personal space.

Collapsed marriages, troubled single parenthood, humdrum careers would seem to be woman's lot, which add up to a lot of sorrows to drown. If I were the Office of Health Economics, I would be feeling quite relieved that most women aren't roaring drunk and sobbing their heart out in the gutter.

Actually, the OHE rather ruins its own case by showing that the life expectancy for women in England and Wales is an impressive 77.9 years. Women hell-bent on self-destruction might remember Dorothy Parker's poem, *The Flaw in Paganism*:

Drink and dance and laugh and lie,
Love, the reeling midnight through.
For tomorrow we shall die!
(But, alas, we never do).

Since the chances are that women are going to live a goodly time whatever they do, they should, perhaps, bear in mind that little old ladies look nicer without nicotined fingers and faces which show the ravages of drink.

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Shows for Christmas

This selective guide to Christmas shows and pantomimes throughout the UK, from Aberdeen to Yeovil, has been compiled by Tony Patrick.

LONDON

ALADDIN. Anita Dobson, Jeffrey Holland, Duncan Goodhew. Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 0088) *Dec 11-Jan 31.*

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Polka Children's Theatre; mainly puppets Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176). Dec 1-19.

BABES IN THE WOOD: Cannon & Ball, John Inman, Marti Webb, *Derek Griffiths, Barbara Windsor* Cheryl Baker, Peter Howitt, Rod Hull and Emu. Palladium (01-437 7373). Previews from Dec 16. Opens Dec 21. Until Feb 26.

BABES IN THE WOOD: Players' Company in a Victorian pantomime Players' (formerly Duchess Theatre), Catherine Street, WC2 (01-839 1134/836 8243). Dec 16-Feb 28.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: By *David Cregan, Brian Protheroe.* Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310) Nov 30-Jan 16.

BICHARO! (POOR DEAR): Farcical comedy in Bhavai (Gujarat) folk theatre style. Tara Arts Centre, 356 Garratt Lane *SW18 (01-871 1450). Dec 8-19*

BUTTON MOON – *TINA'S* SURPRISE: For younger children Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Dec 21-Jan 9.

CINDERELLA: Suzi Quatro, Paul J.Medford, Beejaye Debbie Ash Heap & Wall Shaw Theatre 100 Euston Road NW1 (01-388 1394) Dec 4-Jan 2

CINDERELLA. Wendy Richard Frank Carson. Hugh Lloyd. Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, Middlesex (01-561 8371) Dec 12-Jan 16

CINDERELLA – THE REAL TRUE STORY: A feminist view Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chenies Street, WC1 (01-637 8270). Now until Dec 19

CIRCUS SENSO: Acrobatics, trapeze, high-wire, rock music. Hackney Empire (01-95 2424/986 9666). Dec 26-Jan 16.

DICK WHITTINGTON: With Letitia Dean, Dave Lee Travis, Martin Daniels, Rose Marie, Peter Piper. Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green Catford, SE6 (01-690 0002). Dec 21-Jan 23.

HEART OF ICE: Lumière & Son and East 15 present a family show. The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 *(01-387 0031). Dec 14-23.*

HOLIDAY ON ICE '88: Annual spectacular ice-dancing show. Wembley Arena (01-902 1234). Jan 19 - Feb 28.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Terry Scott, Jean Boht, Reginald Marsh, Aubrey Woods, Diane Solomon. Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey (01-688 9291). Dec 16-Jan 23.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: With Bob Grant, Joanne Good. Intimate Theatre, Green Lanes, Palmers Green N13 (01 886 5451) Dec 17-Jan 16.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Bob Mason's non-traditional version. Half Moon, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Now until Jan 30.

JACOB TWO-TWO MEETS THE HOODED FANG: From Mordecai Richler's book, for five-year-olds. Unicorn Theatre for Children, Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (01-836 3334). Now until Jan 24.

JAMES BOND – THE PANTO: Comedy with John Dowie, Judy Pascoe, Cliffhanger Company. ICA Theatre, Nash House, The *Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Dec 30-Jan 9.*

THE LION,THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE: Glyn Robbins's *adaptation from C.S.Lewis.* Westminster Theatre (01-834 0283). Until Dec 19.

THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE AND MONKEY WISDOM: Puppets Puppet Theatre Barge, Camden Lock, NW1 (01-249 6876). Dec 5-Jan 24

THE LITTLE *MERMAID:* Puppets Adapted from Hans Andersen. Little Angel Marionette Theatre, Dagmar Passage, Cross Street, N1 *(01-226 1787).* Dec 19-Jan 17.

LYLE THE CROCODILE: Musical by *Annie* writer Charles Strouse. Not *now with a live crocodile.* Lyric Hammersmith, King Street. W6 (01-741 2311). Until Jan 30.

THE MAGIC CARPET or THE CATS OF BAGDAD: For six-year-olds. Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway Wimbledon, SW19 (01 543 4888/0363) Until Jan 30

MASS CARIB: All-black Caribbean *production mixing music, theatre,* dance; based on a religious mass. Albany Empire. Douglas Way. SE8 (01-691 3333). Dec 3-23.

OSCAR IN THE UNDERWORLD: Ghost story by Grant Cathro. St George's Theatre, 49 Tufnell Park Road N7 (01-607 1128). Dec *18-Jan 9.*

AN OUTBREAK OF GOD IN AREA NINE: Ken Campbell directs a show by Kenny Murray and Neil Oram, *with six impressionists.* The Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Dec 8-Jan 16.

PETER PAN – THE MUSICAL: Lulu, George Cole, Jan Harvey.Broadway musical version of J.M. Barrie. Cambridge (01-379 5299). Until Jan *30.*

THE PIED PIPER: Adrian Mitchell and Alan Cohen's adaptation of the Browning poem, with music by *Dominic Muldowney. Sylvester* McCoy as the Piper For six to 11-year-olds. Lyttelton (until Dec 19) or Olivier, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (01 928 2252). In repertory.

ROBINSON CRUSOE: Dennis Waterman, Rula Lenska, Colin Baker, Roy Kinnear, Jan Leeming. Tudor Davies. Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, SW19 (01-540 0362) Dec 18-Feb 7.

THE SEE-SAW TREE: Musical play by David Wood. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (01-278 8916). Dec 8-12.

THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS: Musical adaptation of Carlo Goldoni comedy by Ted *Craig, Peter Pontzen* and David Dearlove. Croydon Warehouse, Dingwall Road, Croydon, Surrey (01-680 4060). Dec 10-Jan 17.

SINBAD: Connie Stewart's adaptation. Ainsley Harriott and Alasdair Kerr, The Calypso Twins Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, WC1 (01-387 9629). Dec 9-Jan 2.

SOOTY'S WILD WEST SHOW: Sooty, Sweep and Soo. May Fair Theatre, May Fair Hotel, Stratton Street, W1 (01-629 3037) Dec 14-Jan 2.

THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER: Glyn Robbins's adaptation from C.S.Lewis. Westminster Theatre (01-834 0283). Dec 23 - Jan 16.

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: From Kenneth Grahame's book. Vaudeville (01-836 9987). Dec 9-Jan 9.

WINNIE THE POOH: A.A.Milne's stories, adapted by Glyn Robbins For five-year-olds and older. Royalty Theatre (01-831 0660) *Now until Jan 30.*

THE WIZARD OF OZ: Ian Judge's production for the RSC uses the script and score of the MGM *musical, with songs and other* material cut from the final version Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891/628 8795). Previews Dec 12, 14, 15, 16. *First Night* Dec 17. In repertory. Dec 18, 19, 21-23. 26, 28-31. Also in Jan.

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: Dick Whittington: Lionel *Blair,* John Quayle, Roger Kitter, Hope & Keen, Alison Holloway. Theatre Royal (0225 65065). Dec 24-Feb 6.

BILLINGHAM: Aladdin: With Duggie Brown. Forum (0642 552663) Dec 12-Jan 16.

BIRMINGHAM: Dick Whittington & His Cat : Larry Grayson, Bernie Winters, Gudrun Ure, Patrick Mower, Maggie Moone. Alexandra (021 643 1231). Dec 12-Feb 7.

The Wizard of Oz: Using the score from the MGM film. Repertory Theatre (021 236 4455) Dec 8-Jan 30.

BLACKPOOL: Turn Again Whittington: With Norman Wisdom Grand (0253 28372). Dec 10-Jan 9

BOGNOR REGIS: Jack & The Beanstalk: Traditional show. Alexandra (0243 86551). Dec 19-Jan 9.

BOLTON: Fangs: See caption. Octagon (0204 20661). Dec 3-Jan 16.

BOURNEMOUTH: Jack and the Beanstalk: Lorraine Chase, Michael Elphick, Matthew Kelly, Bella Emberg, Buster Merryfield Pavilion Theatre (0202 297297). Dec 17-Jan 24.

BRADFORD: Aladdin: Su Pollard, Jimmy Cricket, Paul Shane, Eli Woods. Alhambra (0274 752000). Dec 18-Feb 27.

BRIGHTON: Jack and the Beanstalk: Anneka Rice, Maurice Colbourne, Barry Howard, Nick Staverson. Theatre Royal (0273 28488) Dec 17-Jan 10

BRISTOL. The Adventures of Mr Toad: Adaptation by Piers Chater-Robinson from Kenneth Grahame Theatre Royal Old Vic (0272 264388). Dec 9-Jan 30.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Dana, Roy Walker. Hippodrome (0272 299444). Dec 23-Feb 28.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Cinderella: Traditional show, with ponies. Theatre Royal (0284 69505). Dec 21-Jan 16.

CAMBERLEY: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Carol Lee Scott. Civic Hall, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey (0276 23738). Dec 19-Jan 9

CAMBRIDGE: Cinderella: With Fraser Hines. Arts (0223 355246). Dec 17-Jan 9.

CANTERBURY: Jack & the Beanstalk: With Bernie Clifton. Marlowe (0227 767246) Dec 12-Jan 17.

Danny La Rue (above) plays Mother Goose at Bromley, his 26th pantomime, and is quick to reassure anyone who might consider his act to be unsuitable as family entertainment. "I always insist that any panto I'm in is traditional and I defy anyone to find anything *even slightly risqué, bawdy or blue in what* I do or say." But La Rue, as a man generally to be seen on stage dressed as a woman, does contradict the tradition that the pantomime dame is, beneath the frock and the wig, obviously a man. "My whole reasoning has been to be a glamorous dame. Some dames are so grotesque that young children are frightened of them. I go out of my way to avoid that. In this show I do a send-up of a Tyrolean scene and I'm like a painted doll. I get children up on the stage and it works a treat." His earliest memories of pantomime are being taken by his mother to Cork Opera House to see the great Irish comic, Jimmy O'Dea. "He was a *brilliant dame and I think he must have* been quite an influence." La Rue sees himself first and foremost as an actor and says the key to playing Mother Goose is the character's avarice. "She's a lovely lady and beloved by the villagers but when she gets money she becomes spoiled, vile and pompous. By the end she has come to realise that family and friends are much more important than wealth. Having made *and lost quite a bit of money myself over the years,* that's something I can understand." *Mother Goose,* with The Simmons Brothers and Leon Greene, is at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley (01-460 6677) December 14-January 16. *Tony Patrick*

CHELTENHAM: Sleeping Beauty: Resident company, traditional. Everyman (0242 572573). Dec 11-Jan 16.

CHESTER: Dick Whittington And His Cat: Traditional show. Gateway (0244 40393). Dec 12-Jan 23.

CHESTERFIELD: Mother Goose: Norman Vaughan, Tammy Cline. Pomegranates (0246 32901). Dec 18-Jan 9.

CHICHESTER: The Gingerbread Man: David Wood musical play. Festival Theatre (0243 781312). Dec 22-Jan 9.

COLCHESTER: Jack & The Beanstalk: Resident company. Mercury (0206 573948). Dec 9-Jan 16.

COVENTRY: Jack and the Beanstalk: Traditional show. Belgrade (0203 553055). Dec 7-Jan 23.

DARLINGTON: Babes in the Wood: With Stu Francis, Geoff Capes, Linda Nolan, The Chuckle Brothers Civic Theatre (0325 486555). Dec 10-Feb 6.

DARTFORD: Aladdin: With *Christopher Biggins,* Andrew O'Connor, The Two Marks. Orchard (0322 343333). Dec 21-Jan 23.

DERBY: The Scatterbrained Scarecrow of Oz: Sequel to *The Wizard of Oz.* Playhouse (0332 363275). Dec 11-Jan 16.

EASTBOURNE: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: With Denise Nolan. Congress Theatre (0323 36363). Dec 19-Jan 23.

EPSOM: Aladdin: With Tony Scott, Johnny Ball. Playhouse (03727 42555). Dec 19-Jan 9.

EXETER: The Wizard of Oz: Based on the MGM film musical. Northcott (0392 54853). Dec 16-Jan 30.

FARNHAM: The Wind in the Willows: Musical adaptation. Redgrave (0252 715301). Dec 10-Jan 16.

GUILDFORD: Babes in the Wood: Roy Hudd, Bill Pertwee, Jack Tripp Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191). Dec 16-Jan 16.

HARLOW: Mother Goose: Traditional show. The Playhouse, The High, Harlow. Essex (0279 31945). Dec 17-Jan 15.

HARROGATE: Jack & The Beanstalk: Traditional show. Harrogate Theatre (0423 502116). Dec 17-Jan 6.

HASTINGS: Cinderella: Roger de Courcey and Nookie, Diana Moran White Rock Pavilion (0424 722755) Dec 19-Jan 9.

HORNCHURCH: Peter Pan: Traditional version of J.M.Barrie Queens Theatre (040 24 43333/51398). Dec 7-Feb 13.

HULL: Oliver Twist: Adapted by John Godber. Spring Street Theatre (0482 23638). Dec 1-Jan 9.

Humpty Dumpty: With Keith Harris and Orville. New Theatre (0482 226655) Dec 16-Jan 30.

IPSWICH: Hans Andersen: Musical. Wolsey Theatre (0473 53725). Dec *10-Jan 9.*

LANCASTER: Mother Goose: Traditional show. The Dukes (0524 66645). Dec 1-Jan 9.

LEATHERHEAD: Mother Goose : Jeremy Sinden as the dame. Thorndike Theatre (0372 377677). Dec 17-Jan 16.

LEEDS: Cinderella: Brian Marshall, Dennis Lotis, Rosemary Squires. City Varieties (0532 430808). Dec 17-Jan 24.

The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner: By David Wood. Playhouse (0532 442111). Dec 10-Jan 14.

LINCOLN: Cinderella: Ted Rogers Dusty Bin, Peter Byrne, Audrey Leybourne, Jane Maria Osborne. Theatre Royal (0522 25555). Dec 19-Jan 30.

LIVERPOOL: Aladdin Liverpool: Resident company, new show. Everyman (051 709 4776). Now until Jan 23.

Dick Whittington: Little & Large, Roland Rat, Patsy-Ann Scott. Empire *(051 709 1555). Dec 18-Jan* 31.

LUTON: Cinderella: Anna Karen and Mike Osman. St George's Theatre *(0582 21628)* Dec 12-Jan 12.

MANCHESTER: Cinderella: Michael Barrymore, Norman *Collier, Jessica Martin, Bernard* Bresslaw, Duggie Small, Peggy Mount, Dawson Chance. Palace (061 236 9922). Dec 11-Feb 13.

The Adventures of The Snowman: Adaptation from Raymond Briggs. Contact Theatre, Oxford Road (061 274 4400). Dec 8-Jan 23.

The Prince and the Pauper: From an Oscar Wilde story. Library Theatre (061 236 7110). Dec 4-Feb 6.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Dave Dale. Janet Dibley Forum, Wythenshawe (061 437 9663). Now until Jan 30.

MANSFIELD: Dick Whittington: Isla St Clair, Brodie Fry, Care Bears. Civic (0623 656656). Dec 14-Jan 9

NEW BRIGHTON: *Cinderella:* With Stan Boardman. Floral Pavilion (051 639 4360). Dec 26-Jan 23.

***NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE:* Peter Pan:** New Tyne Theatre Company in J.M.Barrie's original. Tyne Theatre and Opera House (091 232 0899/3421). Dec 7-Jan 30

The Enormously Big Weed: Musical for very young children. Gulbenkian Studio (091 232 9974) Dec 9 - Jan 9.

NORTHAMPTON: Aladdin: Traditional family show. Royal Theatre (0604 24811/32533) Dec 14-Jan 30.

NORWICH: Aladdin: Wayne Sleep Dilys Watling, Walker & Cadman. Theatre Royal (0603 628205) Dec 17-Feb 6.

NOTTINGHAM: Babes in the Wood: With Les Dennis. Theatre Royal (0602 482626). Dec 21-Feb 6.

OLDHAM: Aladdin: Jeff Longmore Coliseum (061 624 2829). Dec 4-Jan 16.

OXFORD: Aladdin : *Marti* Caine, Gareth Hunt, The Great Soprendo, Brian Conley. Apollo (0865 244544). Dec 22-Jan 31.

The Miracle Plays: Four plays, over two performances. Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street (0865 790625). Dec 15-Jan 9.

PETERBOROUGH: Babes in the Wood: Traditional show. Key Theatre (0733 52439). Dec 11-Jan 16.

PLYMOUTH: Dick Whittington And His Cat: Anita Harris, Bernard Cribbins. Theatre Royal (0752 669595). Dec 19-Jan 30.

READING: Aladdin: George Takei (Lieutenant Sulu in *Star Trek*), Keith Chegwin, Kathy Staff, Hilary O'Neil. Shreela Gosh, Cedric Monarch. Hexagon (0734 591591). Dec 14-Jan 16.

ST ALBANS: Aladdin: Robert Harley, *Chloe Ashcroft,* Alan Wells City Hall (0727 64511). Dec 21-Jan 2.

ST HELENS: Aladdin/ Red Riding Hood: Traditional shows. Theatre Royal (0744 451175). *Aladdin* Dec 7-26 *Red Riding Hood* Jan 11-23.

SALISBURY: Jack and the Beanstalk: Traditional show. Playhouse (0722 20333). Dec 19-Jan 16.

SCARBOROUGH: Old King Cole: Ken Campbell's comic creation. Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Dec 2-19.

SHEFFIELD: Cinderella: Bobby Knutt, Leslie Ash. Crucible (0742 769922). Previews mat and eve Dec 10, mat Dec 11. Opens Dec 11, until Jan 16.

SOUTHAMPTON: The Wind in the Willows: Adaptation from the Kenneth Grahame book. Nuffield (0703 671771). *Until Dec 5*

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: Cinderella: Helen Shapiro, Mike Reid. Cliffs Pavilion (0702 351135). Dec 18-Jan 16.

SOUTHPORT: Jack and the Beanstalk: With Tom O'Connor. Southport Theatre (0704 40404). Dec 18-Jan 16.

STOCKPORT: Puss in Boots: With Ken Dodd. Davenport (061 483 3801). Dec 18-*Jan 30.*

STOKE ON TRENT: Cinderella: Play for five-to-11-year-olds. New Victoria, *North Staffordshire* (0782 717962). Now until Dec 23, then Jan 12-15, 22-30, plus school perfs.

Jack and the Beanstalk: Alvin Stardust, Linda Davidson, Freddie and the Dreamers, Ken Platt, Terry Hall and Lenny the Lion. Theatre Royal, Hanley (0782 266301) Dec 17-Jan 16.

SUNDERLAND: Aladdin With The Krankies and Lyn Paul. Empire (091 514 2517). Dec 18-Jan 30.

TORBAY: Aladdin: Don Mclean. Princess, Torquay (0803 27527). Dec 22-Jan 9.

WAKEFIELD: Aladdin: With Rustie Lee, Arthur English. Theatre Royal and Opera House (0924 366 556). Dec 9-Jan 16.

WATFORD: Pinocchio: Adaptation by Lou Stein; music and lyrics by Monty Norman. Cheryl Kennedy. Palace (0923 225671). Dec 10-Jan 9.

WINDSOR: Mother Goose: Joe Brown, Bryan Burdon, David Lodge, Suzy Aitchison. Theatre Royal, *Thames Street.* (0753 853888). Dec 18-Jan 23.

WOLVERHAMPTON: Jack & The Beanstalk: With Max Boyce, Geoffrey Hayes and Zippy. Grand (0902 29212). Dec 22-Jan 30.

WORTHING: Aladdin: With Denny *Willis, Anthony Johns.* Connaught (0903 35333). Dec 18-Jan 23.

YEOVIL: Cinderella: Linda Regan. Octagon *(0935 22884). Dec 21-Jan* 9.

YORK: Peter Pan: Musical version of the J.M.Barrie original. Theatre Royal (0904 23568). Dec 19-Jan 23.

Dracula (above) in the design by Mick Bearwish for *Fangs*, a "scary but fun" show by David Holman, with music by Akintayo Akinbode, which is the unconventional Christmas offering at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton (see listing). Other characters in the comedy adventure which is set, according to some strange Lancastrian logic, in a Blackpool boarding house, are Clogsy and Ben, Auntie Dora, Dr Zatopek, Scraggie Maggie and a gorilla. From Thursday.

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN: Cinderella: Bill Owen, Paul Henry, Jan Hunt, Fiona *Kennedy,* Toni Arthur, Ward Allen and Roger the Dog. His Majesty's (0224 641122). Dec 11-Jan 9.

AYR: Jack and the Beanstalk: Sydney Devine, Stewart Preston. Gaiety (0292 264639). Dec 3-Jan 30.

***CUMBERNAULD: A Christmas* Carol:** By Robert Robson from Dickens. Cumbernauld Theatre (0236 732887). Now until Dec 26.

DUNDEE: Merlin the Magnificent: Stuart Paterson's show. Repertory Theatre (0382 23530). Dec 11-Jan 9.

EDINBURGH: Beauty and the Beast: Adapted by Stuart Paterson. Royal Lyceum (031-229 9697). Dec 7-Jan 2.

Jack & The Beanstalk: With Jimmy Logan, Una McLean. Kings (031 229 1201) Dec 7-Feb 20.

GLASGOW: Aladdin: Traditional show, written by Myles Rudge. Citizens' (041 429 5561). Dec 1-Jan 16.

Babes in the Wood: With Victor & Barry, local "camp" favourites. Tron Theatre (041 552 4267). Dec 10-Jan 10.

Cinderella: Rikki Fulton, Walter Carr. Kings (041 227 5511). Until Feb 6.

Mother Goose: Andy Cameron, Johnny Beattie, Gary Marshall. Pavilion (041 332 1846). Dec 4-Jan 30.

The Incredible Brechin Beetle Bug: 7:84 Company in Matt McGinn play. Mitchell (041 221 3198). Dec 15-Jan 9.

The Care Bears Live: Battling with Professor Coldheart. Scottish Exhibition Centre (041 248 3000). Dec 16-Jan 6.

INVERNESS: Dick Whittington: Bill Maynard, George Duffus, Louise Kelly, Andy Gray, Leigh Biagi. Eden Court Theatre (0463 221718). Dec 10-Jan 9.

IRVINE: Alex and the Quest for the Wand: New show by Andy Gray. Magnum (0294 78381). Dec 4-24.

Buck Crusoe in the 25th Century: *A long way from Defoe?* Harbour Arts Centre (0294 74059). Dec 9-19.

KILMARNOCK: The Magic Snowball: Musical. Palace Theatre (0563 23590). Dec 3-24.

KIRKCALDY: Jack & The Beanstalk: With Phil Clark Jr. Adam Smith Theatre (0592 260498). Dec 16-Jan 30.

MUSSELBURGH: The Sleeping Beauty: Traditional show. Brunton Theatre (031 665 2240). Dec 16-Jan 16.

PERTH: Aladdin: Russell Hunter. Perth Theatre (0738 21031). Dec 11-Jan 16.

STIRLING: Aladdin: With comedian Bing Hitler. *Macrobert Centre (0786 61081).* Dec 5-Jan 9.

WALES

CARDIFF: Postman Pat's Adventures: With van and tractor. St David's Hall (0222 371236). Dec 22-31.

The Emperor's New Clothes : By Mike James, from Hans Andersen. Sherman (0222 30451). Now until Jan 16.

MOLD: The Wind in the Willows: By Jeremy Brooks from Kenneth Grahame. Theatr Clwyd (0352 55114). Dec 3-Jan 30.

Whittington Junior and his Sensation Cat: Victorian burlesque. Emlyn Williams Theatre (as above). Dec 11-Jan 9.

SWANSEA: Dick Whittington: With Nigel Pivaro, Ken Goodwin, Glyn Houston, Bobby Crush. Grand (0792 475715). Dec 22-Feb 13.

N.IRELAND

BELFAST: Goldilocks and the Three Bears: Geoffrey Hughes, Victor Spinetti, James Ellis, Oscar James, Siobhan Redmond. Grand Opera House (0232 241919). Dec 4-Jan 9.

The Christmas Clock: Children's play by Roma Tomelty. Lyric Players (0232 381081). Nov 30-Jan 2.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FURKING
(c) Allowed only when you get into Calx. Etymology Etonian, and accordingly obsc.

BONSPIEL
(a) Literally, a great match; apparently from some Dutch compound of *spel,* play.

CEOL-MOR
(c) The 250ish traditional laments, salutes, gatherings, marches, etc., almost all written down between 1790 and 1840; is opposed to *ceòl-beag,* middle music (with a tune).

FILIBEG
(b) Kilt, from Gaelic *feileadh,* plait, and *beag,* little.

SONSIE
(c) Luck-bringing, from Gaelic *sonas,* good fortune; the haggis is said to have a sonsie face.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending Nov 22 :

	BBC 1		BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 22.85m	1	The Duty Men 6.10m
2	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 22.85m	2	M.A.S.H 5.75m
3	Bread 16.00m	3	Carry On Nurse 5.25m
4	21 Years of The Two Ronnies 14.30m	4	Alas Smith and Jones 5.20m
5	In Sickness and in Health 12.95m	5	No Limits (Tue/Sun) 4.95m
6	Howards' Way 12.35m	6	Top Gear 4.50m
7	Whatever Next... 11.90m	7	The Day The Earth Caught Fire 4.40m
8	Bob's Full House 11.00m	8	Tarzan's Three Greatest Challenges 4.30m
9	Allo 'Allo 10.65m	9	Food and Drink (Tue/Fri) 4.05m
10	News, Sport, Weather (Sat 21:07) 10.50m	10	Forty Minutes 3.80m

	ITV		Channel 4
1	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.05m	1	Brookside (Tue/Sat) 6.55m
2	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.65m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.15m
3	*Blind Date LWT 15.45m*	3	Golden Girls 5.15m
4	The Bill Thames 14.15m	4	Hill Street Blues 4.90m
5	The Charmer LWT 13.40m	5	Man-Eating Tigers 4.25m
6	Strike It Lucky Thames 12.85m	6	Damon and Debbie 4.05m
7	Home To Roost Yorkshire 12.70m	7	Treasure Hunt 4.05m
8	3-2-1 Yorkshire 12.05m	8	The Cosby Show 3.70m
9	Etude in Black ITV 11.70m	9	The Last Resort 3.65m
10	Boon Central 11.45m	10	House Full of Plants 3.45m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time.* Mon to Fri 1.3m (7.4m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.6m (12.3m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01 858 7755 cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) From Thurs Evgs 7.30 Mats Sat 2.30 (Dec 7 at 7.0) BELLS ARE RINGING The Comden & Green/Styne Musical).

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HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER" Times."A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING" Gdn. in MELON by SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD" Sunday Times "BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC" Sunday Telegraph Directed by CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01 930 6123 LAST TWO WEEKS MUST CLOSE DECEMBER 12

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131/240 7200 Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 SOLD OUT TIL 1st JUNE

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Previewing Now. Charles Strouse's (author of ANNIE) new family musical LYLE. Opens 3 Dec 7pm. LYRIC STUDIO ATC in FAUSTUS. Eves 8pm. SOLD OUT.

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166 "A Glowing Glory" Sun Exp. RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willy Russell Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 6.0 & 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444 (Bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (Not Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123. From Jan 11 Evgs 7.30 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30

LYTTELTON National Theatre 928 2252. Today 2.00 & 7.00 THE PIED PIPER a musical show for children, by Adrian Mitchell. Tomor 7.45 WAITING FOR GODOT.

MAYFAIR 01 629 3037 From Dec 14 to Jan 2 Twice daily 2.0 & 4.0 Weds & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in The Best Thriller for Years' S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "SENSATIONAL" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR!

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568/638 8891/741 9999 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Ton't, tomor. Fri 7.30. Sat 2.0 & 7.30 (Students £4.50 in advance) SARCOPHAGUS by Vladimir Gubaryev 'ON NO ACCOUNT TO BE MISSED' Observer. THE ROVER rtns Wed 7.30, Thurs 2.0 & 7.30. First Call 240 7200 (Groups 930 6123).

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies. bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

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OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.0 & 7.45 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" NY Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tele. CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123

OLIVIER National Theatre 928 2252. Previews from Sat 6.00 COUNTRYMANIA trilogy by Carlo Goldoni in a version by Mike Alfreds.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 24 '88 Special Xmas Mats 23 24 29 Dec

PHOENIX THEATRE 240 9661 836 2294 cc 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 (bkg fee) ALBERT FINNEY "Is Supreme" D.Mail BOB PECK in J J FARR "A serious, entertaining play" D Tel "It's Gripping" S Times by RONALD HARWOOD Eves 8, Mats Thu & Sat 3

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999. "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT The glorious blues & jazz hit "SUBLIME THEATRICAL MAGIC" D. Mail LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30 Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9

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PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek New booking to July 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC Previews from January 9. Credit Cards 240 7200 (24hrs) Group Sales 930 6123

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5987 First Call 24hr-7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200. Grps 930 1940 ALLO ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" D. Exp Eves 8.0, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 Extra perfs Dec 23, 28 & 30 at 2.30. ONLY 8 MORE WEEKS!

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '88

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. "An amazing play" Gdn. A LIE OF THE MIND by SAM SHEPARD. Eves. 7.30. Sat Mats 2.30.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. From Tomor Paines Plough - Belgrade Theatre, Coventry present THE WAY TO GO HOME by Rona Munro. Dir by Pip Broughton at 8.00 pm Sat Mats 4.00 pm.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until Jan 30. Today. Thurs. Fri. Sat 2pm. 6.30pm Tues, Wed 10.30am, 2pm WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne. Not suitable for children under 4 years old

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Whirligig Theatre in David Wood's THE SEE-SAW TREE From Tues 8 Sat 12 Dec Please see Opera/Ballet Section

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888 CC & Groups 379 6219 836 0479/ 741 9999 First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123 CHARLTON HESTON "Undeniable Magnificence" Ind GWEN WATFORD BENJAMIN WHITROW and ROY KINNEAR In the Chichester Festival Theatre production of "This fine play" D.Mail A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS "A part built for Heston" Times BY ROBERT BOLT "Genuinely moving" Guardian DIRECTED BY FRANK HAUSER Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sats 2.30 "Extraordinary emotional impact" Standard

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 WINNER BEST MUSICAL 1987 Standard Drama Awards & Drama Magazine Awards DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 9am-9pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats. Special Xmas Mats. 21, 23, 26 Dec. No Perf Xmas Eve.

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STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES "THE GREATEST COMIC ENTERTAINER OF OUR TIME" Ind is BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! "BY FAR THE FUNNIEST NEW SHOW OF THE YEAR... PHENOMENAL. EXPLOSIVE AND ENTERTAINING" Obs Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8. Season extended to April 9

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. Merchant of Venice Tonight 7.30. Measure For Measure Tomor. Thurs. Fri 7.30. The Taming of the Shrew Wed 7.30. Mat Thurs 1.30. Julius Caesar Mat Sat 1.30. Twelfth Night Sat 7.30. Swan Theatre Titus Andronicus Tonight 7.30. The New Inn Tomor, Thurs, Fri 7.30. The Revenger's Tragedy Wed 7.30. Mat Thurs 1.30. Hyde Park Mat Sat 1.30. The Jew of Malta Sat 7.30. Stop - Over Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987 CC 836 5645 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. Twice daily from Dec 9 KENNETH GRAHAME'S SUPERB THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

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WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/240 7200 (bkg fee) Another magical journey into Narnia - Until 19 Dec. Mon, Fri 2pm, 6.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs 10.30am, 2pm. Sat 3pm, 6.30pm THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE From 23 December THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq. 01 930 7765 CC 379 6565/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Mon - Fri 8 pm, Wed mat 3.00, Sat 5 & 8.15 HINGE & BRACKET in Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST Directed and adapted by Lou Stein "Moments to savour" Fin Times

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 836 3962. Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY BEST COMEDY Evg Std Drama Awards '87 "PURE GENIUS" Tel "WICKEDLY ACCURATE" T L S "FURIOUSLY FUNNY" C L Mon to Thu 8.0 Fri 5.0 & 8.15, Sat 4.0 & 8.15

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BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8 Barbican Centre London EC2 01 638 4141 ext 306 THE EDWARDIAN ERA Until 7 Feb Mon - Sat 10am - 6.45pm Sun & Bank hols 12 - 5.45pm Adm £3 conc £1.50

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MALL GALLERIES, The Mall (Nr Admiralty Arch) SW1. 01-930 6844. Daily 10-5. Works for sale. DUCHESS OF NORFOLK'S LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION. All proceeds to the National Charity Help the Hospice, 2nd and 3rd December. THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MARINE ARTISTS Annual Exhibition until Dec 7th.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun until 1.45). AGE OF CHIVALRY : ART IN PLANTAGENET ENGLAND 1200-1400.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Fellini's LA DOLCE VITA (15) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 4.15. 7.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Films at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30 "Most compelling film in London" D.Tel. "Hugely enjoyable" Std. From Dec 11 LITTLE DORRIT (U).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) BEST SELLER (18) Sep progs Daily 1.18 3.40 6.10 8.50. All progs bookable in advance.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.

6.35 Leon Errol in Chinatown Chump (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on the weekend's television offerings **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on why more black people than white are committed to mental hospitals.

10.00 News and weather followed by **The Flintstones** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Jane Hardy and Iain Lauchlan, and **Pinny's House** (r).

10.55 Five to Eleven. Michael Hordern with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** introduced by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes.

12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judy Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Clive has a surprise for the ladies of the evening class **1.50 Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.

2.15 Ironside. The police chief comes to the assistance of an old friend accused of a murder committed some 20 years earlier. Starring Raymond Burr and, this week, Harrison Ford (r). **3.00 Hudson and Halls.** Comic festive cooking from Peter and David **3.25 Watchdog.** Consumer affairs series (r).

3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **4.00 What's Inside?** presented by Floella Benjamin **4.10 Ratman** with Lorraine Chase **4.20 Ewoks 4.40 Simon and the Witch.** Episode five.

5.00 Newsround with Roger Finn, Helen Rollason and John Craven **5.05 Blue Peter.**

5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams presented by Angela Rippon.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**

7.00 Wogan. A St Andrew's Day special with Lord Macdonald of Macdonald, Hannah Gordon, Sydney Devine and Molly Weir.

7.35 Doctor Who. Episode two of the adventure entitled *Dragonfire*. Starring Sylvester McCoy and Bonnie Langford. (Ceefax)

8.00 The Kenny Everett Television Show. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

8.30 Whatever Next. Game show presented by Noel Edmonds.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Panorama: Third Summit. Tom Mangold reports from Washington and Moscow on the domestic political troubles facing Reagan and Gorbachev as they prepare for their third summit meeting.

10.10 A Perfect Spy. Episode four and Pym faces charges of spying for an imperialist power. Starring Peter Egan and Ray McAnally (r). (Ceefax)

11.05 Film 87. Among the films reviewed by Barry Norman are *Wish You Were Here* and *Housekeeping*.

11.35 Micro File 2. A compilation of items from the latest series of *Micro File* (r).

12.00 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** After Nine includes an item on twins.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News headlines 10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.

11.10 Let's Pretend to the tale of *Amazing Grace* **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 It's Sex Next Week.** Sex education in primary schools **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.

12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**

1.00 Film: Arabesque (1966) starring Gregory Peck and Sophia Loren. Drama about an American professor in London who is commissioned to translate a message in hieroglyphics for a Middle East oil magnate. He is warned by the man's mistress that he will be killed as soon as he has completed his task. Directed by Stanley Donen.

3.00 Single in London. How three divorced Londoners approached living alone **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.

4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children (r). **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Disney's Duck Tales 4.45 The Gemini Factor.**

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help with news of the Bethnal Green Hospital for the Elderly which needs voluntary workers.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 The Krypton Factor. The first heat of Group D features competitors from South Croydon, Nottingham, Darlington and Cambridge. (Oracle)

7.30 Coronation Street. Mavis Riley yearns for romance. (Oracle)

8.00 Name That Tune. Music quiz presented by Lionel Blair.

8.30 World in Action: East Enders. A documentary about the plight of those East Enders whose houses and factories are being knocked down to accommodate the yuppie invasion that is being encouraged by the London Docklands Development Corporation.

9.00 The Bill. A team from the Sun Hill police station find more than they bargained for when guarding a jury staying overnight in a hotel. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 London Sports Personality 1987 introduced by Nick Owen at the Savoy Hotel. Top athletes compete for the Panasonic Industrial Trophy.

11.30 I Spy. Vintage American espionage series.

12.30 Sportsworld Extra. Tennis, boxing and European football action, introduced by Tony Francis.

2.00 That's Hollywood. The top actors.

2.30 News headlines followed by **Taxi.** American comedy series.

3.00 Film: The Dark Angel (1935, b/w) starring Fredric March. A man thought killed in the First World War returns home much to the amazement of his fianceé who has married his cousin. Directed by Sidney Franklin.

5.00 ITN World News 5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.15 Daytime on Two: using maths at work **9.38** Economics: choice **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** A children's Christmas musical **10.40** Thinkabout **11.00** Part two of the story of a New Forest fallow dear **11.20** Secondary school pupils produce storybooks for six-year-olds **11.45** Aborigines **12.08** The Third World **12.30** The story behind the news **1.00** Science: vibrations **1.20** For the young **1.38** A history of Christmas **2.00 News** and weather followed by a programme for the young.

2.20 Songs of Praise from Trinity College, Cambridge (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 News and weather followed by **American Basketball**, introduced by Sally Jones. Boston Celtics play Detroit Pistons (r).

3.50 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Bazaar includes a good home-brewed beer guide and advice on smelly drains prevention.

4.30 Noticeboard. Radio and television programmes preview.

4.35 Poldark. Episode six (r).

5.30 Tomorrow's World (r).

6.00 Film: Things to Come (1936, b/w) starring Raymond Massey and Ralph Richardson. Futuristic drama based on H.G. Wells's novel *The Shape of Things to Come*. Directed by William Cameron Menzies.

7.30 Hotspot (r).

7.40 Open Space: Behind the Silence. A film made by the Association for All Speech Impaired Children to help gain recognition for the plight of severely speech-impaired children. (Ceefax)

8.10 The Courage to Fail. This final programme of the series features transplant surgery. (Ceefax)

9.00 Film: Sleeper (1973) starring Woody Allen and Diane Keaton. Comedy about a health-food store owner who wakes up after a minor operation to find himself in the year 2173. Directed by Woody Allen. (Ceefax)

10.25 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including an extended report on one of the biggest stories. **11.10 Weather.**

11.15 Telejournal presented by Chatal Cuer. Ends at **11.45.**

CHANNEL 4

10.30 Have You Seen This? A preview of ITV and Channel 4 Schools programmes.

12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.

2.30 Just 4 Fun. For the young.

1.00 Sesame Street. The first of a new series. The guest is Lena Horne.

2.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show presented by Gay Byrne.

3.00 Pantanal. The wildlife of the wetlands of south-west Brazil (r).

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson meets two generations of policewoman.

4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is police sergeant David Hoyle from Wilmslow. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted in the dictionary corner by Neil Innes.

5.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series about a ghoulish family. With Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo.

5.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Jed invites cousin Pearl and Jethrine to Beverly Hills. Starring Buddy Ebsen.

6.00 Making the Most Of. . Inexpensive and practical leisure activities series (r).

6.30 Education Extra includes an examination of the Government's controversial Education Bill.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.50 Comment and **Weather.**

8.00 Brookside. Sheila brings Damon home and Bobby makes clear one of them is unwelcome. (Oracle)

8.30 The Horse in Sport. Part four of the series features showjumping.

9.30 Never Say Die. Comedy series about the warden and residents of a block of flats for the elderly.

10.00 Hill Street Blues. Furillo's commission into police corruption accidentally discovers the killer of a detective – but the man cannot be touched. (Oracle)

10.55 The Eleventh Hour: Shades of Red. A discussion on the dilemma facing the Labour Party and the Left after three consecutive general election defeats. With Diana Jeuda, Tariq Ali, Peter Kellner, Joan Ruddock, Martin Jacques and Elizabeth Wilson.

12.15 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.30.**

It's not all brand new

TELEVISION CHOICE

● He shins up a ladder, pulls out an aerosol and sprays his name on the wall of Television Centre. Emerging from a studio set that looks like part of the Pompidou Centre in Paris, he chirps: "Hello, chums!", and the audience roars back: "Hello, Kenny!". **The Kenny Everett Television Show** (BBC1, 8.00pm) is back for a brand new (his words) series. It would be nice to welcome some brand new jokes. With no fewer than eight writers to provide half an hour of material, there should be more gems. There should be fewer sketches which telegraph every move in advance. When Kenny appears as a clumsy gardener who sticks a fork through his foot, it is odds on that every other implement he picks up will inflict further injuries. And Kenny should not be sending up Australian lager commercials when Paul Hogan is much funnier doing the real thing. His parody of Australian soap opera, on the other hand, is bang on target and there are some deliciously surreal one-liners, like the one about Joan Collins showing how to make your own husband out of yoghurt pots. Many of us feel we would like to send former boy treble Aled Jones into orbit. Kenny actually does it. The show is a chaotic ragbag of hits and mishits which has the great merit of pace. If a joke does fall flat, it is over quickly. This was a lesson never learnt by the Monty Python team, but they generally had the edge in invention. Compared with Python's marvellous semaphore version of *Wuthering Heights*, Kenny's 10 second rendering of *Watership Down* seems a lost opportunity. But I expect I shall be tuning in again at the same time next week. You never know with Kenny.

Peter Waymark

Kenny Everett with members of the cast of his Australian spoof soap opera in The Kenny Everett Show, BBC1, 8pm

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50** am
4.00 am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and at **7.30** Big Band Era, with an interview with Syd Lawrence **8.30** Big Band Special (BBC Big Band, with guest Colin Anthony) **9.00** Humphrey Lyttleton (jazz on record) **10.00** Some of These Days **10.30** Star Sound (movie requests) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** MAD **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** The Man Who Knew How **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Commentary **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Flying the Mails **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Tech Talk **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** My Music **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** The Man of Property **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Flying the Mails **3.45** Music for a While **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** A Future for the Past **4.30** A-Z of Hollywood **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Book Choice **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Future for the Past **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** On the Road **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** From the Proms '87 **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** Future for the Past **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

4.55 am: Test Match Special. Pakistan v England. Live transmission from Lahore (final day). Until **11.35am.** On VHF and MW, but on MW only from **6.55am**

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Festival Overture on the Danish National Anthem: LSO under Geoffrey Simon), Nielsen (Wind Quintet Op 43: Danish Wind Quintet), Gade (Three tone pieces: Donald Hunt, organ), Dowland (The King of Denmark's Galliard: Consort of Musicke, under Anthony Rooley

8.00 News bulletin

8.05 Concert (continued): Stenhammar (Three-part songs: Swedish Radio Choir), Grieg (Lyric Pieces: Norwegian Dance Op 47 No 4; Notturno, Op 54 No 4; Scherzo, Op 54 No 5; Homesickness, Op 57 No 6: Gilels, piano), Berwald (Symphony No 1: Gothenburg SO under Neeme Jarvi)

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Three Fantasies, Op 16 (Lydia Artymiw, piano), Symphony No 1, and Scherzo, from Octet Op 20 (London Symphony under Claudio Abbado)

10.05 Bax: English National Orchestra under Jeffrey Tate play Three pieces for small orchestra, 1928

10.30 Chopin: Hamish Milne (piano) plays the Scherzo in C sharp minor, Op 39; the Impromptus in A flat Op 29; in F sharp, Op 36; and in G flat, Op 51. Also Bolero, Op 19; and Polonaise in C sharp minor, Op 26 No 1

11.15 BBC Scottish SO in Stirling, under Ronald Zollman. With Marie Slorach (soprano). Smetana (Vltava, Ma vlast), Thea Musgrave (Monologues of Mary Queen of Scots), Beethoven (Symphony No 3).

1.00 News bulletin

1.05 Chilingirian Quartet: Benjamin Frankel (Quartet No 5), and Beethoven (Quartet in F, Op 135) (see also entry for **2.00pm**)

2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Items include Richard Langham-Smith on the origins of Debussy's Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune; a conversation with the Chilingirian Quartet; and Michael Round on performing the music of Villa-Lobos

2.45 New Records: Khachaturian (excerpts from the ballet music for Gayaneh: Scottish National under Neeme Jarvi), Britten (The Highland Balou, from A Charm of Lullabies: Carolyn Watkinson, contralto and Tan Crone, piano), Alan Richardson (Roundelay: Gervase de Peyer, clarinet and Gwenneth Pryor, piano), Strauss (Four Last Songs: Felicity Lott, soprano, with Scottish National Orchestra), Dvorak (The Water Sprite symphonic poem: Scottish National under Jarvi), Verdi (Lady Macbeth's aria from Act 1 of the opera: Agnes Baltsa, with Munich Radio Orchestra under Zedda), Strauss (An Alpine Symphony: SNO under Jarvi)

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: the theme of Natalie Wheen's selection of recorded music is A Night at the Opera. The works are non-vocal

6.55 News bulletin

7.00 Organ music: George Wilson plays Merula's Capriccio cromatico, and Intonazione cromatica del quarto tono; and Zipoli's Verso and Canzona, and All'elevazione; Al post communio

7.30 European Broadcasting Union 20th Anniversary Season: direct transmission from the Philharmonie, Cologne. West German Radio SO under Gary Bertini, with Lucia Popp (soprano) and Heinz Holliger (oboe). Part one. Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune), and Maderna's Oboe Concerto No 3

8.00 Letter from Cologne: talk by Helmut Bonheim, Professor of English at Cologne University

8.20 EBU Concert from Cologne: part two. Mahler (Symphony No 4)

9.30 A St Andrew's Day Piobaireachd: William Livingstone (highland bagpipe) performs The Lament for the Harp Tree

10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Quartet (Ali Haurand, Rob Van der Broeck, Gerd Dudek, and Tony Oxley

11.00 Glasgow Xenakis Festival 1987: John Currie Singers and Players, under Terry Edwards, perform Xenakis's Medea Senecae, and A Hélène;; Messiaen's O sacrum convivium ; and Stravinsky's Pater Noster; Credo; and Ave Maria

11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Geoffrey Hughes and Jean Alexander: ITV, 7.30pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. **6.35-7.00** Russell Grant **12.00-12.40am** Rugby Special (Moseley v Leicester, Leinster v Ulster, Llanelli v Cardiff) **12.40-12.45** News and weather **SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00** Seall Seo! **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **7.00-7.35** Scottish Writer of the Year **10.10-10.40** Castles of Scotland (Inverary Castle) **10.40-11.35** A Perfect Spy (Part 4) **11.35-11.50** Piobaireachd **11.50-12.20am** Film 87 **12.20-12.25** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Report **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam 87 **12.00-12.05am** News and weather **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30am-8.55 Masterteam 87

ANGLIA As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: My Brother Jonathan* **3.00-3.30** Nothing But the Best **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** EYE Watch **10.30** Anglia Reports **11.00-12.30pm** Film: Witchcraft* **2.00-2.30** Tales from the Darkside **5.00** Anglia Reports **5.30** At the Maintenance Shop **6.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50** News **1.00** Film: Lydia* **2.50** Magic, Magic **2.55** Workout **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** News **10.35** Mickey Spillane's Margin for Murder **12.20am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.15** Cloughie's Golden Oldies **1.45** Journey to the Unknown **2.40** News

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50** News **1.00** Film: My Brother Jonathan **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Questions **11.20** Hammer House of Mystery **12.35am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00** Film: The Sundowners **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.30** Celebration Masterclass **11.00** Film: Salzburg Connection **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00** Film: The Double McGuffin **3.00-3.30** Moviemakers **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Celebrity Bowls **11.00** Film: Devils of Darkness **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** Welsh National Business Awards **11.30-12.30am** The Forum Presents.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50** News **1.00** Film: A Little Romance **3.00** Lifestyles **3.30** Cartoon **3.45** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.20** Crimedesk **6.30-7.00** Scottish Action **9.00-10.00** Scottish Assembly **10.35** Mod for Rockers **11.35** The Bill **12.35am** Late Call Closedown.

TSW As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Diff'rent Strokes **12.50** News **1.00** Film: Goldwyn Follies* **3.05-3.30** New Squadronaires **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **10.32** America's Top Ten **11.05** Film: That'll be the Day **12.40am** Close

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50** News **1.00** Film: My Brother Jonethan* **3.00** Cross Wits **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Questions **11.20** Hammer House of Mystery **12.35am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm** News **1.00-3.30** Film: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** Rallycross **11.30** The Forum Presents **12.30am** All in a Day's Work, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm** Newstime **1.00** Film: Siege of Pinchgut **2.55** Workout **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Spectrum Documentary **11.00** Crazy Like a Fox **11.55** Make it Pay **12.20am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** 9 to 5 **12.50** News **1.00** Film: Jumbo **3.15** Home Cookery **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Clegg's People **10.30** Calendar Commentary **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.55** Twilight Zone **12.25am** Jobfinder **1.25** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**10.00am** Just 4 Fun **10.30** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Late Late Show **3.00** Over Here **4.00** Lluniau Dydd Llun **4.00** Foltron **4.35** Ysgolorïaeth **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies* **5.30** Mavis on Four **6.00** Treasure Hunt **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arolwg II **8.00** Proff'r Pethe **8.30** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.05** Pointer Sisters in Paris **10.05** Sports is a Tough Business **11.05** Divided Union **12.05am** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News

7.00-8.00 News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day

8.35 The Week on 4 : programme trailers

8.42 Phil Smith in the BBC Sound Archives **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Start the Week: Russell Harty anticipates the week ahead with some special studio guests

10.00 News; Money Box: Presented by Louise Botting

10.30 Morning Story: Change in the Air, by Elizabeth Edwards. The reader sis Sheila Donald

10.45 Daily Service: from St George's Church, Belfast. With the Rev Trevor Williams, and the Choir of St Dominic's High School (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way: Union leader Brenda Dean, of Sogat '82, visits her home town of Salford as it celebrates the birth of L S Lowry. Next Sunday, she goes to Blackpool (r)

11.50 Poetry Please!: Presented by Vernon Scannell. The readers are Martin Jarvis, and Rosalind Shanks

12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae

12.25 Prompt! Sheila Hancock leads the theatre quiz with guests Dinsdale Landen, Lynda Baron, Joss Ackland and Liz Smith The final programme in the present series (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One: with Brian Widlake

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes items on collecting 1950s and 1960s memorabilia; Commonwealth opportunities for women; and women in management. Also episode one of Harriette Wilson's Memoirs, read by Patricia Hodge (see Choice)

3.00 News; Play: The Wind of Heaven, by Emlyn Williams, adapted by Barbara Couper, and starring Freddie Jones as Ambrose Ellis, with Sian Phillips and Nigel Stock. The setting is Wales. The theme: a Second Coming? From BBC Wales (r) (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope: Playing the Great Game. Richard Mayne reports on the world of spy-fiction, which is so often taken from the real world, and asks if the genre has a future. The contributors include Kingsley Amis, Ted Allbeury, Brian Freemantle, Donald McCormick, and John Le Carré (r)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55-6.00** Weather

6.00 News, incl Financial Report

6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took hosts the topical quiz, with teams led by Alan Coren and Ian Hislop (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper with his weekly defence of pure food at a fair price

7.45 Play: Mary Stuart, by Friedrich von Schiller, translated by Stephen Spender, with Hannah Gordon as Mary Stuart, Barbara Jefford as Queen Elizabeth, and Jack Klaff as Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. (see Choice) (s)

9.45 Kaleidoscope: introduced by Paul Vaughan. Tonight's line-up includes Old Year's Eve, at the Barbican theatre in London; the McVitie Prize for the Scottish Writer of the Year; the new production of Schiller's Mary Stuart, being broadcast on Radio 4, at 7.45 tonight; and Music of Two Decades, the 1780s and the 1980s, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Miss Pinkerton's Apocalypse, the first of five stories by Muriel Spark. The reader is Phyllida Hewat **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News; and weather forecast for tomorrow

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Music Makers: Rumpelstiltskin **11.20** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See for Yourself **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time Biotechnology **12.30** What is Biotechnology? **12.50** Protein Manufacture. The devlopment of mycroprotein

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1**:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2**: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3**: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4**: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC**:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital**: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London**: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service**: MF 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Hannah Gordon who stars in Mary Stuart, R4, 7.45pm

● What was that they used to say about meaty job opportunities for women on radio? That they were scarcer than snowballs in the Sahara? Not today they're not. At random, I can point to Hannah Gordon's Mary Queen of Scots and Barbara Jefford's Elizabeth I, magnificently squaring up to each other in Stephen Spender's translation of Schiller's **Mary Stuart** (Radio 4, 7.45pm); soprano Marie Slorach giving melodic wing to Mary Stuart's thoughts in the first broadcast of Thea Musgrave's Monologues of Mary Queen of Scots (Radio 3, 11.15am); Patricia Hodge coolly revelling in Harriette Wilson's rather shocking Georgian memoirs in **Woman's Hour** (Radio 4,2.00pm); and print union leader Brenda Dean disclosing the non-militant side of her personality when she goes back to her native Salford in **Down Your Way** (Radio 4, 11.00am). All this and Phyllida Hewat reading one of Muriel Spark's short stories in **A Book at Bedtime** (Radio 4, 10.15pm). Whatever else you have to miss today, do not let it be the Schiller. Barnstorming performances apart, this is spectacular fact/fiction superbly distilled into gripping, private, closet drama.

Peter Davalle

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MPs to push for release of UK files on Waldheim

By Our Foreign Staff

The Government is to face renewed pressure to act against President Waldheim of Austria following further allegations that he sent wartime British prisoners to their deaths.

MPs *will again* call on ministers to release Britain's own files, *which they believe* could contain further damning *allegations against* the former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

They were responding to new claims that Dr Waldheim *lied about* his Nazi past, and was involved with units which sent Jews, *partisans* and British soldiers in occupied Greece *and* Yugoslavia *to* their deaths.

Mr Greville Janner, the secretary of the all-party War Crimes Parliamentary Group and Labour MP for Leicester East, plans to question Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Patrick *Mayhew, the Attorney-General.* "Now that the truth is coming out about Waldheim, we want to know the whole *truth and nothing but the* truth," Mr Janner said yesterday.

"We have the files on British servicemen who were interrogated by Kurt Waldheim's unit and then sent off *to be exterminated. But our* Government has refused to reveal these documents.

Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, who chairs the all-party British-Israel Parliamentary Group, called on Dr *Waldheim to deny the revelations* published in yesterday's *Sunday Express.*

According to the journalist, Charles Ashman, UN files catalogue 19 occasions on which Oberleutnant Wald*heim questioned prisoners* before they were handed over to the SS *to be tortured* and killed. More than 20 Britons are *said to have died in this* way.

Yugoslav files document further evidence linking him with atrocities, and information from his American publishers also proves that he admitted in writing that he served in Salonica (Thessaloniki), *Greece, during a brutal* Nazi pogrom against the Jews *in 1943 — despite later* denying it.

Mr Latham said: "Kurt Waldheim must know in his heart whether or not these allegations are true. If they are true, or even partly true, he must know he *is not fit to be* President of his country."

Mr Robert Rhodes James, Conservative MP for Cambridge, who worked for Dr Waldheim at the UN and who has since become convinced of the Austrian's Nazi past, described the revelations as "devastating".

He said yesterday that Britain must give him the cold shoulder.

Dr Waldheim is barred from the United States. The Foreign Office in London says only that "there are no plans to invite him to Britain". A *spokesman said:* "The allegations against him remain unproven."

Mr Ashman said that the Allies believed they had anough evidence to prosecute Dr Waldheim in 1947. The journalist said yesterday on the BBC Radio 4 programme, *The World This Weekend*: "Kurt Waldheim was cer*tainly* not *Mengele, Barbie* or Eichmann. On the other hand, no one gave the keys of the UN to Eichmann or Mengele or Barbie."

Kurt Waldheim, facing further allegations

Comedy 'genius' Irene Handl dies aged 85

Irene Handl, the actress, *comedienne* and *novelist,* died in her sleep yesterday afternoon at her west London home, aged 85.

Miss Handl, one of Britain's best-loved character actresses, was born in London to a French mother and Viennese father. Although she did not take up acting until her late thirties, she was an immediate success and went *on* to become a star of stage, cinema and television.

Her latest television comedy series, *Never Say Die*, on Channel 4, is being screened at the moment and she recently filmed a Wogan special for Christmas.

Her agent, Mr Peter Graham, *said yesterday:* "Irene was a legend, loved by many".

Last night the head of BBC Light Entertainment, Mr Gareth Gwenlan, said Irene Handl *had never received the recog*nition she deserved.

"She was a very amusing lady. It was a pleasure to work with her.

Mr Johnny Speight, writer of *In Sickness And In Health,* in which Irene Handl appeared, said: "As a comic, she was a genius, one of the finest actresses I have written for. She was also a lovely lady."

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A victory on the playing fields of Eton

Above, players in the bully, or scrum, try to heel the ball back and below, an Oppidan is knuckled, or pushed in the face (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Knuckling like demons and furking furiously, with the bully swaying from good calx to bad calx and back as the *Longs waited for* a cool, the Collegers beat the Oppidans *by three shies to nil. But then,* that's the Eton Wall Game.

All the shies were scored by the game's latest sensation, Rogan Angelini-Hurl, aged 17. It was a triumph for the boys in College, the 70 King's Scholars, *who in their annual* match against the Oppidans, *the 1,200 other Eton boys,* maintained their 13-year un*beaten record.*

The two teams' bully, or scrum, tries to furk, or heel, the ball back to the two scoring areas at either end of the 120 yards long pitch: good calx, a door into a garden, and bad calx, *the stump of an old tree.*

Calx is from the Latin for chalk and refers to the marks *delineating the scoring areas.* To furk is of more mysterious etymology but is thought to come from the Latin for fork.

***To knuckle is a method of* getting one's opponent off the *small leather ball by inserting* one's fist into his face. Waiting for the ball to be kicked clear of the bully, known as a cool, are the Longs, or full backs. It does not often happen. To the untrained eye, not a lot does happen.**

The conversion of a shy into a goal, *by throwing the ball* against the door or the tree, has not been seen in the St Andrew's Day match since 1911.

No matter. The lads from* College were still reported to *be Over The Moon.

Nurses back consultants' pay plea to Thatcher

Continued from page 1

take an extra post-graduate course such as an intensive care unit course is still paid the same — with two years' extra training — as the basic grade nurse.

At the end of her training an RGN and an RSCN will both earn about £5,400; as a staff nurse post-graduates start on a salary of £7,300 rising to a maximum of £8,600. Even when they are promoted to the rank of sister these nurses will only get £9,000 to £10,000 rising to a maximum of £12,000.

An intensive care unit nurse with nine years' nursing experience will therefore only get about £10,000. For this she will have to be in charge of nursing shifts where children are critically ill and constantly need attention. Where there are nursing shortages the workload will be even more stressful and many of the *specialist nurses will have to* do extra evening and weekend work.

The RCN's evidence is accompanied by a report on suitable grading structures which emphasizes that specialist nurses have no incentive to "stay at the bedsides" on hospital wards.

"We are particularly short of skilled experienced staff and this is because we do not reward specialist nurses for being at the bedside and do not pay them any incentive to keep them there", an RCN spokesman said yesterday.

Although some of these nurses can earn extra special duty payments if they work at weekends and in the evenings, the Government has recently proposed that these payments should be abolished. That would mean that some nurses *risk losing up to £2,000* a year.

"The Government proposals to abolish these payments will worsen the present shortages and they will strike hardest at experienced skilled staff", the RCN said.

However while recognizing the particular difficulties facing areas such as London, Oxford, and more recently Birmingham, the RCN does not support the idea expressed in the doctors' letter to Mrs Thatcher that hospitals should *be able to pay differential rates* where they have the greatest shortage.

Nurses in the capital should be given additional London weighting but individual hospitals should not be able to set *their own rates,* the RCN said.

The fear is that some areas would attract a great influx of nurses leaving other hospitals unable to cope.

The doctors' line, however, does have the support of some officials in the DHSS who have been keen to abolish the present Whitley Council pay negotiations system which lays down national pay scales *for the whole country. It is* understood that the Nurses *and Midwives* Pay Review Body is under pressure to support the idea of *local* pay bargaining *when it reports* next spring.

If this fails the Government will have no alternative other than significantly raising London weighting allowances which are under £1,000.

Last week Mrs Thatcher indicated to MPs that paediatric nurses would be given extra "lead" payments similar to those now paid for nurses specializing in geriatric and psychiatric care. However the RCN points out that these allowances range from only *£165 to £210* a year. "This will do little to attract paediatric *nurses into specialist training* or to retain them until they are qualified."

Downing Street said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher had not yet received the consultants' letter and could not comment.

But Sir Barney Hayhoe, the *former health minister, said* shortages of nurses could only *be tackled by* a further injection of public money into the NHS.

"There's no instant solution. One has to begin to win back the morale of the nursing profession — more has to be done by way of pay and particular allowances and to attract back people who have left the profession.

"This problem was beginning to emerge when I was at the DHSS and it has got a lot worse. It is a pity more urgent action has not been taken."

Sir Barney, Conservative MP Brentford and Isleworth, said that with the Chancellor of the Exchequer apparently having elbow room for tax cuts, he should appreciate that there was widespread support for forgoing part of these to *increase spending on* the health service.

The disclosure that as part of the restructuring exercise extra payments to nurses for *weekend and night duty* were to be withdrawn, even though it appeared to be *only* part of the story, had come as "bolt from the blue"

Doctors in scrap during surgery

A group of hospital administrators will this morning launch an inquiry into a scuffle between two surgeons during an operation.

The incident, *which happened* on Friday at Arrowe Park Hospital in Birkenhead and involved a junior surgeon and a consultant, was described as *"appalling"* yesterday by Dr John Roberts, the hospital's general manager.

He told *The Times*: "I have been *in medicine since* 1956 and in my experience this is unique".

Theatre staff, gowned and masked, watched in astonishment on Friday morning as the operation on a road ac*cident victim* being performed by Dr George Jacobs, an *orthopaedic registrar* at the hospital, was interrupted by the entry, unsterilised, of the hospital's consultant orthopaedic surgeon Mr Robert Johnson, remonstrating that Dr Jacobs was running late.

As a result of a violent incident which immediately *followed* — in the theatre with the patient unconscious on the *table — Dr Jacobs attended the* casualty department while the operation was completed by one of his assistants.

The findings of the inquiry *will be sent to* Wirral District Health Authority, which em*ploys* Dr Jacobs, and to Mersey Regional Health *Authority, which* employes Mr Johnson. In each case disciplinary proceedings *will* be considered.

Dr Roberts said: "The operating theatre is a delicate environment and we cannot have people who aren't scrubbed getting involved *with it, quite apart from the* idea of aggressive physical contact. *It* doesn't take *much* to imagine what could have happened. As it was, *I* do not believe there was any danger to the patient, but I am appalled that colleagues can behave in this way. It is quite unheard-of."

Neither Mr Johnson nor Dr Jacobs was available for comment.

Games for Sheffield

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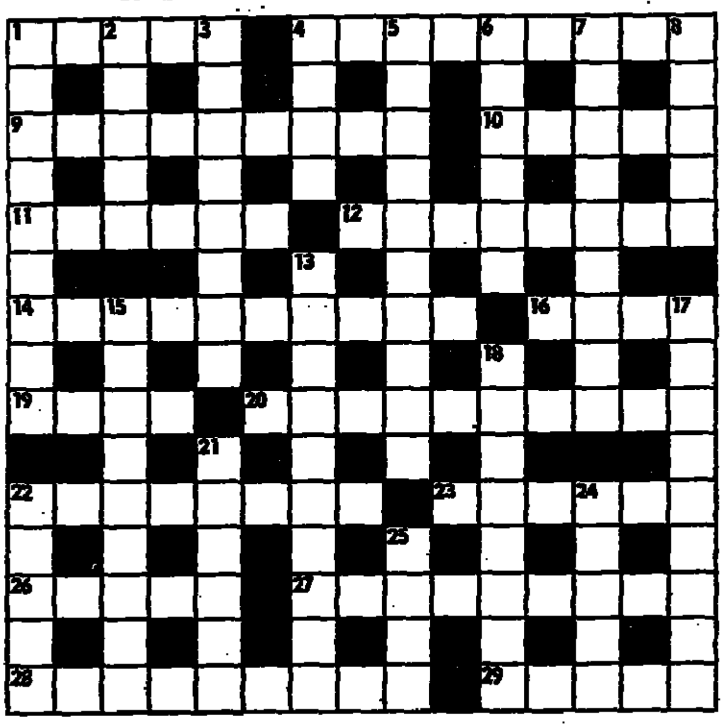
ness. It is hoped that most of the funds needed to stage the games will be raised in the private sector.

It is estimated that £80 *million will be needed for* facilities, including £31 million for a swimming pool complex, and at least £20 million for administration.

Phillips and Drew, the stockbroker, has been advis*ing on ways of raising finance.* The Government has said it will not offer additional resources nor relax its controls on local authority spending.

However, Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, told *the* FISU *executive that the* Government fully supported *the bid. It would be providing* money to the city through its regeneration programme.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,527



ACROSS
1 Owner of the tiger forests, according to Blake (5).
4 Concerned with origins and capital assets (9).
9 She has long represented this country (9).
10 A dressing for the cheek (5).
11 Songs, the content of which rallied Erik the Red's men (6).
12 A firm ruler (8).
14 Straighten out when cracking up (10).
16 A cleaner of fish (4).
19 Take the plunge in some shady place (4).
20 Drank too much and went beyond the limit (10).
22 They keep daylight hours (8).
23 Public exercise taken by uninhibited Pole (6).
26 Publicity last month for mature person (5).
27 Where races are run late by demand (9).
28 A member of a secret society has to change forenames (9).
29 The King, right or wrong! (5).

Concise crossword, page 14

DOWN
1 Turning *blue*, end *is* disintegrated (9).
2 Soar effortlessly to the top in climbing, for example (5).
3 *Take off* underwear — put in a carrier (8).
4 Call round (4).
5 Tradesmen having a rest — it's no change! (10).
6 Personal protection for a guy in Northern Ireland (6).
7 Preliminary to an engagement for the royal yacht? (9).
8 Neat control (5).
13 Quiet bars on the French coast (10).
15 The risk in coming over the water (9).
17 Embarrassed the planter — quite a dog! (3,6).
18 Mangle fine fabric with speed (8).
21 He's swindled maybe six hundred with German backing (6).
22 Employees getting support (5).
24 One who'll push for a game of cards (5).
25 Poet who used ball-points? (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

ST ANDREW'S DAY

By Philip Howard

FURKING
- a. Lallans for kindling
- *b. Tassels on a sporran*
- c. Hooking at Wall Game

BONSPIEL
- a. A curling match
- *b. Scottish pudding*
- c. Highland advocate

CEÒL-MÓR
- a. A Grampian
- b. A *Lewis water bailiff*
- c. Bagpipe music

FILIBEG
- a. A Shetland oat crusher
- b. A kilt
- c. To beg pawkily

SONSIE
- a. Saucy
- b. Plump
- c. Lucky

Solutions page 22, column 8

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,526 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Wales, north-eastern and some western and central England will be rather cloudy with perhaps a light shower, but will become mainly dry. Central and south-eastern England and East Anglia will have *sunny intervals, after a frosty, foggy* start. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a frosty start in some inland areas but the day will be dry with sunny intervals. Temperatures lower than normal. Outlook: Rather cold with overnight frost and fog.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	10	50	Madrid	s	7	45
Alex'dria	s	23	73	Majorca	c	12	54
Algiers	f	16	61	Malta	f	16	61
Athens	r	15	59	Melb'rne	s	33	91
Bahrain	s	24	75	Mexico C*	c	22	72
Barbads*	f	29	84	Miami*	s	28	82
Barcelna	f	8	46	Moscow	s	-9	16
Belgrade	f	11	52	Nairobi	c	23	73
Berlin	c	5	41	N Delhi	s	23	73
Bermuda*	f	23	73	N York*	c	3	37
Budapst	c	8	46	*Oslo*	s	-1	30
B Aires*	s	34	93	Peking	s	0	32
Cairo	s	23	73	Perth	c	18	64
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Reykjvik	f	1	34
C'blanca	f	15	59	Rio de J	c	27	81
Chicago*	r	9	48	Riyadh	s	29	84
Ch'church	f	13	55	Rome	c	12	54
Corfu	f	15	59	Salzburg	c	2	36
Dubrovnik	r	11	52	S F'risco*	s	12	54
Faro	f	13	55	Santiago*	s	30	86
Frankfurt	c	5	41	S Paulo*	c	25	77
Funchal	c	17	63	*Sing'por*	f	31	88
Geneva	c	4	39	Strasb'rg	c	4	39
Gibraltar	f	16	61	Sydney	f	26	79
Helsinki	c	2	36	*Tel aviv*	s	27	81
Hong K	r	9	48	Tenerife	r	21	70
Innsbrck	c	2	36	Tokyo	c	10	50
Jeddah	s	34	93	Toronto*	c	4	39
Jo'burg*	f	22	72	Valencia	s	12	54
Karachi	s	27	81	Vanc'ver*	s	2	36
L Palmas	c	20	68	Venice	f	10	50
Lisbon	s	8	46	Vienna	c	4	39
Locarno	c	6	43	*Warsaw*	c	5	41
L Angels*	s	15	59	Wel'nton	s	13	55
Luxembg	c	2	36	Zurich	c	3	37

* denotes Saturday's figures

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.3	-	5	41	bright
Bridlington	6.6	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	4.5	-	8	46	sunny
Clacton	7.0	-	7	45	sunny
Hastings	7.6	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	6.5	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	*8.8*	-	7	45	*sunny*
Southsea	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Shanklin	7.0	-	7	45	sunny
Bournemth	5.0	-	7	45	sunny
Swanage	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Torquay	1.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Guernsey	5.0	-	10	50	sunny
B'ham Airpt	1.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	2.2	-	6	43	cloudy
Carlisle	-	-	5	41	cloudy
London	4.8	-	8	46	*sunny*
Manchester	-	-	4	39	fog
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	5.6	-	3	37	sunny
Anglesey	-	.02	8	46	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Tenby	-	.17	9	48	rain
Aviemore	-	-	5	41	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	-	2	36	dull
Glasgow	-	.01	6	43	rain
Lerwick	3.2	-	8	46	bright
Prestwick	-	-	*6*	*43*	*dull*
Tiree	-	.01	9	48	dull
Wick	-	-	7	45	dull
Belfast	*0.4*	-	7	45	cloudy

- Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.56	6.2	9.52	6.5
Aberdeen	9.24	3.7	9.27	3.9
Avonmouth	2.13	10.8	2.51	11.3
Belfast	6.50	3.1	7.07	3.4
Cardiff	*1.58*	*10.1*	2.36	*10.5*
Devonport	1.07	4.6	1.30	4.9
Dover	6.28	5.7	7.20	5.8
Falmouth	12.37	4.4	1.00	4.7
Glasgow	8.24	4.1	8.45	4.3
Harwich	6.41	3.4	7.42	3.5
Holyhead	6.11	4.7	6.22	5.1
Hull	1.09	6.4	2.29	6.3
Ilfracombe	*1.14*	*7.4*	*1.49*	*7.9*
Leith	10.24	5.0	10.41	5.1
Liverpool	6.49	7.9	7.09	8.4
Lowestoft	4.04	2.3	5.51	2.2
Margate	7.08	4.3	8.13	4.3
Milford Haven	1.34	5.7	2.05	6.1
Newquay	12.34	5.7	1.04	6.1
Oban	1.45	3.0	2.17	3.6
Penzance	12.23	4.6	12.44	4.9
Portland	2.05	1.6	2.19	1.8
Portsmouth	7.09	4.2	7.31	4.0
Shoreham	6.41	5.5	7.17	5.3
Southampton	6.45	4.2	7.04	4.0
Swansea	1.40	7.5	2.15	8.0
Tees	11.53	4.6	11.58	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	6.45	3.6	7.44	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.68	2.54
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	65.10	61.90
Canada $	2.45	2.33
Denmark Kr	12.00	11.40
Finland Mkk	7.69	7.29
France Fr	10.52	10.02
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	270	250
Hong Kong $	*14.45*	13.75
Ireland Pt	1.172	1.112
Italy Lira	2285	2175
Japan Yen	252	240
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.12	11.47
Portugal Esc	254	239
South Africa Rd	4.55	3.85
Spain Pta	208.70	197.70
Sweden Kr	11.27	10.72
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.883	1.783
Yugoslavia Dnr	3300	2600

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed down 6.2 at 1306.2.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 36.47 at 1910.48.

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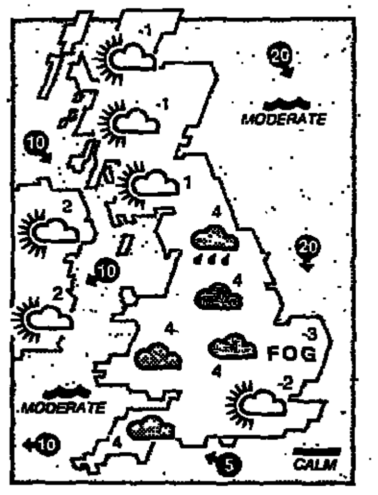

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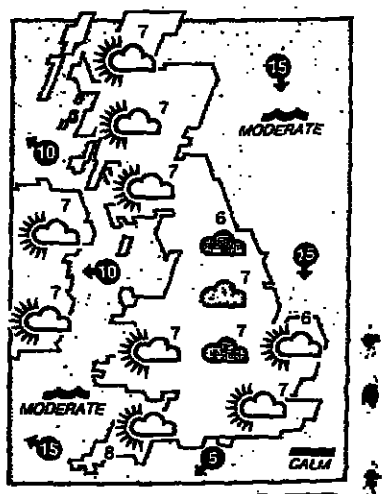


LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4C (39F) : min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F) Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7 hr. Bar, *mean sea level, 6 pm,* 1024.8 millibars, rising.

Saturday: Temp, max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F) : min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.1 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. *Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.*

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey and *Isles of Scilly, 10C (50F)* : *lowest day max:* Eskdalemuir (Dumfries), 2C (36F) : highest rainfall: Milford Haven, 0.20 in; highest sunshine: Hastings, 7.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.26 pm to 7.13 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.23 am
Edinburgh 4.16 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 4.25 pm to 7.31 am
Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.29 am

YESTERDAY

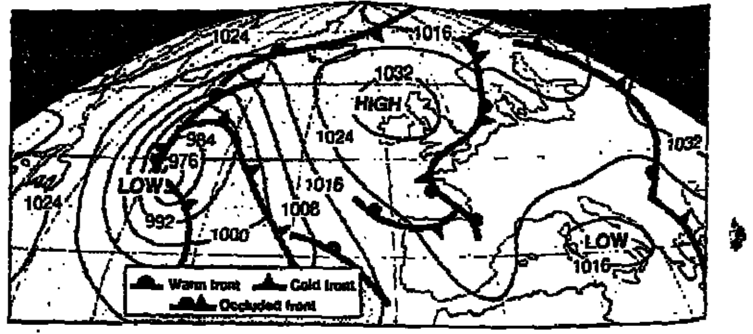
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	7	45	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'mgham	f	6	43	Inverness	r	4	39
Blackpool	f	5	41	*Jersey*	f	9	48
Bristol	f	7	45	London	s	3	37
Cardiff	f	7	45	M'nchster	f	6	43
Edinburgh	r	7	45	Newcastle	c	4	39
Glasgow	c	8	46	R'nldsway	r	8	46

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.42 am	3.58 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
1.47 am	1.38 pm

Full moon December 5th

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1308.2 (+22.5)

FT-SE 100
1651.6 (+18.2)

Bargains
16798 (28924)

USM (Datastream)
133.83 (+2.04)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.8060 (+0.0265)

W German mark
2.9916 (+0.0029)

Trade-weighted
76.0 (+0.3)

US NOTEBOOK

Markets await the next tornado

From Maxwell Newton
New York

Conditions in the financial markets have begun to deteriorate again. Interest rates are beginning to rise and commodity prices are ominously climbing. Disillusion with the political process and its failure to address the fiscal crisis is complete.

As the dollar continues to slide, despite some cosmetic interest rate cuts in Europe, there is a palpable fear of another crash soon in either the bond or stock market. There is outspoken, often violent, criticism of the President on Wall Street.

Reaganomics is increasingly perceived as being little more than an engine for generating excessive growth of spending in America with little thought or care as to how the bill is to be paid. The Federal budget deficit for October, the first month of the new 1988 fiscal year, was desperately bad. At $30.7 billion (£17 billion), it was 17 per cent greater than in October last year. While revenues year-on-year rose 6 per cent, outlays grew an astonishing 10 per cent, indicating the immensity of the problem of attaining fiscal control.

The rise of commodity futures has led to dismay. The Commodities Research Bureau index has been driven back to its 1987 highs by buoyant grain and oilseed prices. Thanks to devaluation, US exports are booming. Industrial goods are also selling strongly, producing the biggest rise of industrial production (5½ per cent in the past 12 months) since 1983-1984. But the export boom is only adding to the problem of containing US consumer spending.

Happily, America's consumers, bloated with debt, showed modest signs of cutting back in September and October. Real personal consumption was below the level of the September quarter. While much of the cutback was a reaction from August's wild spending spree on incentive-priced new cars, there is now a definite prospect that US consumers will be spending less in the fourth quarter than in the third, thus laying the groundwork for lower imports in the future.

The stock market crash has not so far shown up as producing any restraint in the US consumer's headlong rush into the shops. The only source of restraint is the Federal Reserve Board. After the initial small boom caused by the post-October 19 rush out of shares into bank deposits, money growth has subsided: the central bank has held Federal funds at about 6¾ per cent, *indicating a desire to continue the policy of restraint on money growth that produced Black Monday.*

Mr Stephen Roach, a senior economist at Morgan Stanley, encapsulated the disappointment: "It is not far-fetched to interpret last month's crash as the stock market's ultimate frustration over the failure of policy-makers to address America's "overconsumption problem." A protracted slowing of consumer demand is a necessary step to facilitate the long-overdue narrowing of America's gaping foreign trade deficit."

The bond market, whose collapse in September and October triggered the stock market crash, has grown sullen and dispirited again. The December Treasury bond contract has fallen from its post-crash peak of 89½ to 87½.

By Friday, the dollar's slide *was once more gaining momentum. The clouds are gathering again, the wind is rising:* the next tornado is visible.

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Lawson under dollar pressure

Soaring pound threatens policy on exchange rates

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is facing renewed problems with his exchange rate policy.

This week, foreign exchange markets are expected to maintain upward pressure on the pound, which on Friday rose above $1.80 for the first time in five-and-a-half years.

Buoyancy in sterling has already brought the pound close to its "ceiling" of DM3 and to 76 on the effective exchange rate index, but Mr Lawson, when quizzed on a cut in interest rates, told the House of Commons last week: "At the present time I do not think any reduction is appropriate."

The only alternative to cutting rates or allowing the pound to rise is intervention in the market to keep the *exchange rate down. Wednesday's figures on the official reserves are expected to show that heavy intervention has continued during November, increasing Britain's reserves by at least $1 billion (£554 million) — considerably less than last month but still a big* rise.

Mr Lawson is unwilling to cut interest rates further until the proposed meeting of financial ministers from the Group of Seven nations at which he will want to have something to put on the table. Although this could still occur before Christmas, it is now more likely to take place in the new year.

Further details of the West German package of measures, which are likely to form the centrepiece of a G7 meeting, emerged over the weekend.

The West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, said on television: "I am of the opinion that somewhat lower interest rates and some other measures, which will have to be generally agreed upon, will be considered by us."

West German government sources said a package worth DM15 billion (£5 billion) was being discussed. The main proposal was for extra funds for industry to be made available through the state-owned Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau.

The upward pressure on sterling has been caused partly by weakness in the dollar. The Federal Reserve has done little to counteract this. Fears that the US was prepared to see a further slide in the dollar were responsible for Mr Lawson's call on Washington last week to be prepared to raise interest rates.

During the weekend, the Bank of Japan repeated its call for a halt in the dollar's fall. Mr Makoto Tanji, director of the bank's foreign department, said: "A further decline of the dollar is neither desirable nor inevitable."

The framework of international co-operation within the Louvre accord had been maintained, and the Bank of Japan would pursue interest rates policy and intervention in close co-ordination with others. There were, however, no present plans for a cut in Japan's discount rate.

The managing director of *the International Monetary Fund, M Michel Camdessus,* added his voice to those calling for policy adjustment. He said on Saturday: *"The crash is a strong signal sent by the markets to the leaders of major developed countries to put their houses in order."*

In Britain, rising reserves may swell the money supply during the next few months, but markets are thought to be in a mood to accept this for the time being. Mr Bill Martin of Phillips & Drew said: "I think the authorities should suspend the full funding rule altogether."

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Poll boost

The stock market crash has not shaken public confidence in the economy, says the latest MORI opinion poll, for Times Newspapers, conducted between November 19 and 25. It shows 34 per cent of those surveyed believe the economy would improve in the next 12 months, 31 per cent thought it would stay the same, and 27 per cent thought it would deteriorate. The figures virtually match MORI's poll in September and the one in October when the slide began.

Top of toppled: John Barkshire. Payout: £750,000-£1m

Second: Peter Laister
Payout: £440,000

Third: Sir Ronald
Payout: £407,000

US outshines Britain in golden handshakes

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Golden handshakes paid to ousted executives of takenover British companies have ranged up to £1 million, but are still miniscule compared with the sums paid to heads of United States companies when they are eased out.

An examination by Incomes Data Services shows that because US executives are so much better paid than their British counterparts, they can expect far higher termination payments.

One of the highest recorded is the $13.6 million *(£7.6 million)* package awarded to Mr Thomas Macioce, outgoing chairman of Allied Department Stores, after a takeover by Campeau.

Another remarkable sum was the $11.4 million paid to Mr Thomas Wyman, the chairman of CBS, when he was dismissed by the board.

IDS points out that termination payments in Britain fall well short of the £3.2 million paid by the Midland Bank to Mr Frank Cahouet when Crocker National, Midland's Californian subsidiary, was finally sold to Wells Fargo, the US banking group.

IDS stresses that British companies are often unwilling to disclose such figures, "although in some cases, because of pressure from shareholders, the figures do leak out."

The Guinness affair has produced some notable casualties, including Mr Christopher Reeves and Mr Graham Walsh of Morgan Grenfell, who received £562,000 between them.

Mr Ray Horrocks and Mr David Andrews, the Rover Group directors who left after Mr Graham Day was made chairman, reportedly received *£219,000* between them.

So-called golden parachutes — guaranteeing big compensatory payments and often drawn up by the executives themselves, but discouraged in Britain because of the tax penalties — often occur in the US.

Mr Wyman, for example, collected more than $1 million in salary and bonuses last year, a special bonus payment of $555,756 and $3.8 million in 10 annual instalments — or a lump sum of $2.8 million in January 1988.

IDS says senior executives in Britain tend to rely on long-term contracts, which, in the event of premature termination, may produce a claim for breach of contract.

But most settlements are agreed out of court, IDS adds, and tend to involve a global sum. "Companies do not want to haggle over every part of a compensation claim, since this gives the claimant an advantage," it says.

While criticism from shareholders of the size of golden handshakes is increasing here and in the US, IDS says: "Sometimes a company may want to err on the side of generosity, for the sake of staff goodwill and as an inducement to recipients not to give confidential trade information to competitors."

Reported Compensation for Loss of Office Payments 1986-87

Name	Post	Company	Total (£)
John Barkshire	chairman	Mercantile Hs	¾-1m
Peter Laister	chairman/ch exec	Thorn EMI	440,000
Sir Ronald Halstead	chairman	Beecham Grp	407,000
Alan Brooker	chairman/ch exec	Extel	400,000
Michael Newman	*chief executive*	*Brit Arrow*	*400,000*
Timothy Aitken	*chief executive*	*Aitken Hume*	*375,000*
Lord Spens	*corp finance head*	*H Ansbacher*	*79,000*

Source: IDS

Tunnel issue '20% short'

By Lawrence Lever

Eurotunnel is expected to announce today that the £353 million share issue in Britain, which closed last week, was about 20 per cent undersubscribed.

This is considerably worse than estimated by Mr Alastair Morton, the Eurotunnel co-chairman, *when the applications were being counted last* Friday.

The results of the parallel £353 million French issue of shares and the £64 million international placing are expected tomorrow.

If these are oversubscribed, some of the excess demand is expected to be met by the shortfall in Britain. Either way all applications for shares in the British share offering will be met in full.

Sources close to Eurotunnel yesterday said it was unlikely that the French issue would prove to be heavily oversubscribed.

"I definitely do not have the impression that there is a tidal wave of buying enthusiasm in France," one said.

The British camp appears to be reasonably pleased with the reaction of British investors to the share issue. Market conditions had contrived to make the issue a hard sell to institutions bruised by the BP experience and to private investors who had seen their British portfolios diminished by at least 30 per cent in the stock market crash.

Counting the £353 million French slice of the Eurotunnel offering is a drawn-out process because the share issue was bought by the leading banks and distributed through 26,000 branches.

Arabs urge stronger ties with EEC

Kuwait (AP-Dow Jones) — Oil ministers of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries over the weekend advised the OAPEC chief to pursue contacts with the EEC to "upgrade technical co-operation." A statement urged this co-operation "in a manner serving interests of member states of the two blocks."

A source said the OAPEC oil ministers were expected to appraise the prospects of co-operation between the organization and the EEC after "the encouraging attitude of EEC foreign ministers."

● World crude oil production fell 3 per cent in the first half of 1987 to 45.1 million barrels a day from 46.5 million bpd a year ago, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency said.

£5bn plan for wastelands

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

More than 5,000 acres in inner *London that lie fenced off and* derelict could be turned into a *£5 billion asset, say the planners who transformed London* Docklands.

They argue that, without making further bites into the green belt, huge tracts of unused London could be used for housing and thousands of jobs generated.

Members of the Association of London Boroughs, however, would prefer local government to develop the potentially valuable land, rather than private sector speculators.

The land in question comprises the 2,000-acres beyond the Royal Docks towards Barking; about 1,500 acres of the Woolwich arsenal site and the peninsular bordering the Thames; and a further 1,000 undeveloped acres in the Lea Valley and the derelict site *behind King's Cross,* which local authorities have been keen to develop.

Most of the land is owned by the gas, rail and electricity industries and by local authorities.

Those in favour of a stronger link between private and public sectors on land development point out that a Docklands-style regeneration could help a number of London boroughs out of financial crises next March when new rates are set and council spending is cut by up to 20 per cent.

Derelict land in the East End of London is worth about £200,000 an acre and would require an average of £500,000 for roads and other general infrastructure. *Based on the experience of London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), the result could be land worth up to £1 million an acre.*

Mr John Mills, LDDC deputy chairman and a *former* Labour councillor in Camden, is one advocate of the joint approach.

He said: "The problems are too big and deep-rooted to hope that change can be achieved simply by encouraging people to become more entrepreneurial. The talent and the money are there to be harnessed and even the most left-wing councils are beginning to realize the benefits that could come through a joint effort."

Recession 'unlikely'

By Our Economics Editor

Latest forecasts from the financial community suggest the world will not go into recession next year because of the stock market crash. Recession will be avoided because monetary policies have been eased, there is a tentative move towards better balanced fiscal policies, and US protectionism is less than in the 1930s, says James Capel, the stockbroker.

Capel says the economies of the member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development will grow by 2.3 per cent next year, compared with 2.7 per cent projected without the fall in share prices.

Merrill Lynch expects Britain to grow fastest of the European economies next year at 2.4 per cent. Although the European economies, with the exception of Britain, start from a less buoyant position than the US, they will suffer less from the crash because equities account for a much smaller share of household financial assets than in either the US or Japan.

County dismisses three

By Our City Staff

Three executives of County NatWest Securities have been dismissed after an internal review of its traded options business revealed losses of between £5 million and £6 million.

This figure includes more than £1 million lost by Mr Anil Gupta, a trainee accountant, during the market crash last month through writing — or selling — options.

The Gupta case triggered an internal investigation which revealed details of the further losses as well as inadequate controls over the writing of options by agency clients. This, in turn, led to County dismissing three executives.

A spokesman for National Westminster Bank said yesterday: "A detailed examination of agency traded option transactions at County NatWest Securities Ltd and NatWest Stockbrokers Ltd has been undertaken."

The spokesman added that the bank had "re-assigned a number of responsibilities in this area" as well as strengthening its control procedures

USM REVIEW

Restaurant chain is late starter

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Allied Restaurants, *the chain of 16 franchised* Wimpey bars which had to *abort its flotation* on the Unlisted Securities Market *when the stock market* crashed, *will make its public debut* today.

Although the price has not yet been revealed, the p/e rating has been adjusted downwards by some 22 per cent from the mid-teens to a little below 11, to allow for the reduction in stock market values.

Founded by Mr Richard Carr, aged 28, *its present* managing director — who *started business life* with just one Golden Egg *restaurant* — the company, advised by *McCaughan* Dyson CCM, will be capitalized *at about £5 million.*

Last year Allied Restaurants, which has outlets stretching from Southampton and Winchester to Tottenham Court Road and Oxford Street in central London, made pretax profits of £500,000 from £8.5 million turnover.

Advertising *agencies,* public relations consultants and marketing companies were *hit harder* than most during last month's *stock market* crash. Some of them saw their capitalization halved in just a few weeks, but *the prospect of a* worldwide *recession is being shrugged* aside by most of them — *including* those with a quote on the USM.

Mr Barry Clarke, chairman and joint founder of **Clarke Hooper**, the marketing and sales promotion group, takes an optimistic view of prospects and is unperturbed by fears that companies will start to cut their budgets: "We are very lucky to be in the business we are in," he says, and *claims* Clarke Hooper can often benefit in a recession.

"If you are a company, you need to keep sales going. Our business tends to flourish when spending comes under pressure. Companies decide they want quicker results and so often switch into sales promotion, which is good news for us," he says.

Mr Clarke points out that the company was founded and thrived during the last recession, in the 1970s, and remembers *only too* clearly the effects of the *three-day week.*

"The lessons of the past have shown us that our industry often gets a fillip from the effects of a recession. Sales promotion usually increases its share of the market until the crisis has passed."

Clarke Hooper shares were trading at about 260p before the crash and closed on Friday at 153p. But Mr Clarke does *not appear* too worried about the plight of the share price. "I have a small amount of personal wealth tied up in the *market. It's hurt me in my share portfolio.* But the business is still doing fine," he says.

Mr Clarke has every reason to be optimistic. *He was able to make two* valuable North American acquisitions *before the collapse. In March, the group* bought the Marketing and Promotion *Group in Toronto for £1.18 million* and *in June it paid $15 million (£9.4 million)* for Joseph Potocki & Associates, the *independent* Californian sales promotion consultancy.

Meanwhile, shares of the rival **Moorgate Group** were also mauled in the crash, with the price more *than halving,* to finish last week at *120p. But that,* and the threat of recession, has not deterred Mr Jeremy Bond, the chairman, and the rest of his team from deciding to push ahead with plans to expand the group's US operation. Its US subsidiary, Moorgate Group Inc, has secured seven new business gains within the past two weeks. It has also decided to strengthen its management team with the appointment of two new vice-presidents, and is opening an office in Chicago.

Mr Allan Carey, finance director, describes Moorgate as a "one-shop company," offering a range of services to its clients, from advertising and marketing to design and public relations. He is only too aware that *a recession in the US is a real possibility,* but says that Moorgate's US operation has been virtually started from scratch. "*It represents only a tiny proportion of the* group's total business. The only way to go from here is up," he says.

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ANALYSIS

Building profits by brave strategies

The building industry is not known for its dynamic growth characteristics. Increases in output of more than a few per cent are newsworthy while decreases are more typical.

It is impressive, therefore, that many sector companies have achieved earnings growth over the past decade well above the British industry average.

Successful groups have tended to exploit niche markets or maximize efficiencies in more familiar areas. Many have found solace in economies beyond the shores of Britain, while others have made do with the domestic scene.

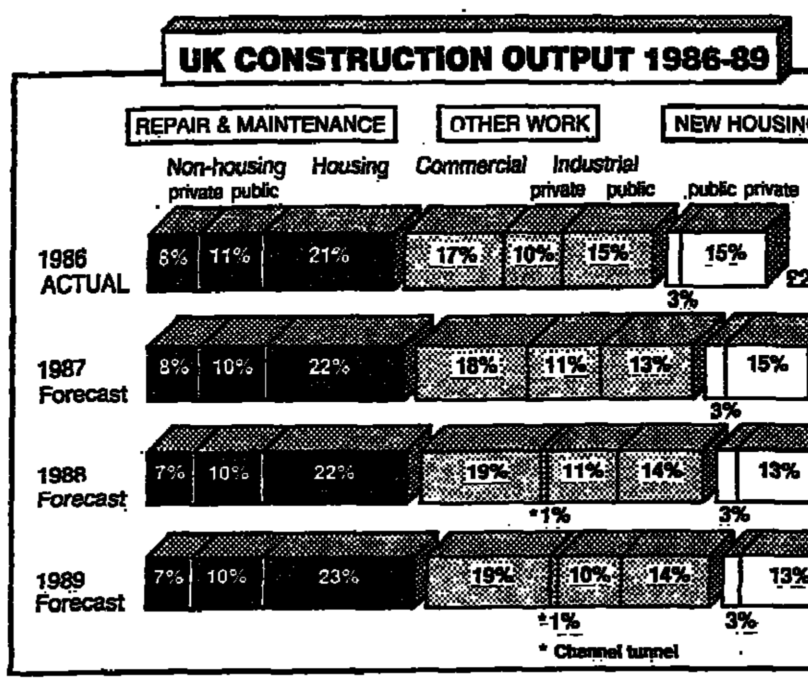
Growth in construction output in the early Eighties was steady if unexciting, but momentum gathered in the middle of the decade through commercial building and private housebuilding. The repair and maintenance sector also provided a steady flow of work.

This trend has culminated with this year being something of a bonanza. Total output is forecast to rise an almost unheard-of 7 per cent.

Much of the impetus gained during 1987 is expected to carry forward into next year. Towards the middle of next year, however, commentators are sounding a note of caution. The degree of nervousness varies but a slowdown in output looks likely.

Much of this scene was sketched several months ago but recent events on world stock markets make a reappraisal necessary. New factors may significantly change the industry outlook.

Most industry analysts are lying low at the moment, claiming uncertainties in today's markets make their skills – imperfect at the best of times – redundant. It is too early to predict the longer-term effects of the markets' fall.


UK CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT 1986-89

It takes genuine expertise and good judgement to be brave enough to stand up and be counted in tricky market conditions. Thus the timely arrival of the quarterly report on the building materials and *construction sector by Mr* Fred Wellings and his team at Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, makes welcome reading. After all, investors still need advice.

The building materials sec*tor has tracked the market since Black Monday but the* contractors have fallen short.

The companies themselves, however, remain optimistic. Order books are well filled and businesses streamlined. Hous*ing starts* are up by 13 per cent in the five weeks since Black Monday compared with a year ago. Nevertheless, the watchword reverberating throughout the City and industry alike is "confidence."

The construction industry can cope with lower output but volatility has introduced unwelcome uncertainty. Not knowing at *all* is more damaging than knowing the worst.

Buying a house is normally the biggest commitment an individual makes, so companies active in this sector have received a vigorous *battering, particularly* those exposed to the South-east market, supposedly dependent on high City salaries.

Land shortages remain a problem but balance sheets are sound and there are some *impressive land banks around.* Laing & Cruickshank expects volume to replace margin as the criterion for *profitability. Prices should* stabilize and profit margins return to normal levels.

Meanwhile, demographics underpin longer-term demand. There should also be an increase in housing activity outside the South-east.

Paradoxically, mortgage availability is better than ever as private investors retrieve tattered portfolios from their stockbrokers and return them to the reliable coffers of banks and *building* societies. Disposable incomes should rise on the back of tax cuts.

A beneficiary of these trends is the old favourite, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, in the Midlands, with its sound *management* and stable operating base.

For industry, lack of confidence will affect investment decisions. Those who have chosen *the acquisition route may* find it hard to raise money on the stock markets, and may resort to internal investment.

But others taking the internal route may find uncertainty leads to cancellation or deferral of investment programmes.

This could hold back the market for new commercial and industrial work. Commer*cial* activity has been particularly buoyant so it is especially vulnerable.

There has been a feeling for some time that the commercial sector was due for a setback and an oversupply of office space, accounting for 40 per cent of output, was expected by the end of next year.

There are some signs of life in the public arena but this compares with a flat or falling market. While encouraging, *the change is unlikely to make* an impact.

The repair and maintenance sector *is most likely to hold* up, come what may. If people do not move house, they may redecorate their old ones. Meanwhile, roads remain in poor repair, and in the short term, there is a backlog of *work after the hurricane* last month.

Laing & Cruickshank's construction favourites are George Wimpey, on a current year p/e of eight, still undergoing a recovery due to tighter *internal management.*

Laing, with its regional structure and flexible housing operation, is also cheap on a present year p/e of 6.8 times.

On a longer-term view, most successful companies in the sector have looked overseas for growth opportunities.

The strength of the domes*tic market in the past few* years has tended to blind industry commentators to the underlying logic of this strategy. Thus groups such as CH Beazer (Holdings) have been made painfully aware recently of the market's perception of their US earnings.

Yet being in the United States need not necessarily be a *bad thing.* Redland, one of Laing & Cruickshank's favoured shares, earns 15 per cent of its trading profits in the United States. But its dependence on the highways programme and unglamourous products *such as stone should* preserve its earnings base.

Wolseley is another choice, given its strategic position in the fragmented US distribution market. It is on a p/e of 7.5.

Pilkington, on the other hand, is vulnerable, as it is tied into the car industry through its investment in toughened glass.

Closer to home, Laing & Cruickshank recommends *Hepworth and Steetley.*

The blackest cloud on the horizon is the EEC's drive to impose VAT on new construction work.

The Advocate General – the leading judge in the European court – will announce his preliminary findings within a few days. If he finds *against* the industry and recommends the imposition of VAT, the final decision in March is likely to follow suit.

The housebuilding sector may escape on the grounds that it fulfils a social need, but *otherwise it seems* inevitable that some rate of VAT will be imposed next autumn or in spring 1989.

There was a big surge of activity before the imposition of VAT on repair and maintenance work in the early Eighties. This phenomenon would recur, making a downturn in 1989-1990 even more pronounced.

In these uncertain conditions, management counts above all else. However, Mr Wellings observes ruefully that the rush to seek defensive shares can lead investors to *choose companies* that have adopted a low risk, low growth strategy and whose managements are perhaps unimaginative.

In the longer term, groups that have depended on one *economy or product* have not always maximized earnings potential. Thus they may provide a safe haven for a few months but companies adopting braver business strategies should not be disregarded.

Alexandra Jackson

GILT-EDGED

Intervention is mark of good sterling policy

Last week was enlivened by an apparent dispute *over exchange-rate* policy between Mrs Thatcher ("there is no range . . . we are always free") and Mr Lawson ("there should be no doubt of our commitment to maintain a stable exchange rate . . . - *with the rate against the mark* being of particular importance").

Mr Lawson played down the dispute, and Mrs Thatcher's comments on the European Monetary System may have an element of gamesmanship. She will be aware that Britain is excluded from the new economic policy meetings between France and West Germany, and recent co-ordinated European interest rate moves suggest the West Germans will share some of their power, but only with full members of the EMS.

Possibly, Mrs Thatcher now accepts full EMS membership as *inevitable,* but she continues to oppose it in public, so that British membership can be offered as a big concession to other European Economic Community countries in return for a deal on the Common Agricultural Policy and the EEC budget. That would certainly be good news for gilts.

Whether sterling is in the EMS or not, there is a real dilemma over exchange rate policy. Left to itself, sterling would have appreciated rapidly this year and, at present interest rates, would be standing well above *DM3.* The Government has spent some $16 billion to prevent this. What is the point? Intervention has little effect in the long run when it is sterilized.

It seems that the intervention is only intended to have a transient effect, to eliminate an appreciation the Govern*ment* believes would have been temporary. Either the British economy slows substantially and interest rates are cut, reducing the attraction of sterling; or the economy grows as predicted in the Autumn Statement, leading to a current account deficit of at least £3.5 billion next year.

In either case, there could be occasions when sterling comes under downward pressure, particularly in the sum*mer, following the seasonal* surge of imports after tax cuts reach pay packets in May. That will be no problem to a government with reserves of more than $40 billion, which can be used to hold sterling *close to the DM3 level that* pay bargainers are now coming to accept as a fixture.

Alternative policies appear unattractive. Letting sterling rise now, *only to fall back next year,* would give a temporary dip in inflation but a permanent loss in investment. Lower interest rates, to hold sterling at just below DM3 without intervention, are unattractive because *overheating worries* have not disappeared, despite the crash (as the CBI November trends inquiry showed).

A more extreme policy involves greater cuts in interest rates and more intervention to push sterling lower and offset some of the competitiveness lost due to the fall in the dollar. This would give the wrong message for wage bargainers at a particularly bad time.

Present negotiations at Ford, General Motors and in the engineering industry are the most acrimonious for years, and will have an important influence on working practices in British industry.

There is no clear case for expecting an eventual significant fall in sterling, despite the deteriorating current account. Industrial investment and productive potential are increasing. The economy in future should be able to finance comfortably the capital inflow needed as a counterpart to the current account deficit.

British industrial labour costs are subdued and fiscal policy suggests a narrowing of the deficit. The public sector borrowing requirement will be about zero in 1990, when the equivalent West German government deficit will be about 4 per cent of gross national product. Also, the true British current account deficit, *adjusted* for errors and omissions, will probably be better than the reported figures.

Provided the dollar can be prevented from falling further by a revamped Louvre Accord, the policy of keeping sterling stable against the mark appears sustainable.

For gilts investors, the key conclusion is that intervention rather than interest rates is the first line of defence against movements in the sterling-mark rate. In the near term, that means the authorities will *adopt* a cautious approach to reductions in base rates, especially since a West German discount rate cut would do little more than validate the falls in the repurchase rate already implemented by the Bundesbank.

Further ahead, that means little danger of a rise in base rates to above current levels even if sterling comes under downward pressure, and *there is a possibility that* lower credit demand after the crash will allow base rates to be reduced.

The gilts market will continue to look attractive against Bunds, provided the sterling-mark rate is perceived to be stable, and there is a chance that the spread can *narrow to* reflect the relative strength of British public finances and of the British Government, which does not suffer from an indecisive coalition.

That is just as well, because at yields below 6½ per cent, West German investors desert the Bund market and the only support comes from unstable foreign interest.

Giles Keating

Credit Suisse First Boston

Gardini set to sell offshoots

Rome (Reuter) – The nomination of Signor Raul Gardini, *the chairman of Ferruzzi,* the agribusiness group, to head Montedison, the chemical and energy conglomerate, could lead to divestment, analysts said.

Montedison's heavy debts, estimated at between 7,000 billion and 8,000 billion lire (£3.18 billion-£3.63 billion), *remain a big problem,* and selling off one or more businesses would be one way to reduce them, they added.

Ferruzzi, Montedison's largest single shareholder, said on Thursday it would nominate Signor Gardini to replace Signor Mario Schimberni as president of Montedison at a board meeting in Milan on December 4. Analysts expect this move to succeed.

Mr Stuart Wamsley, the head of European chemical research at Morgan Stanley International in London, said the *only* divestment big enough to have an effect would be pharmaceuticals but this would be a bad move as it was a growth sector.

Ensign unquoted interests 'protect it from share falls'

Ensign Trust, whose net asset value fell by 20 per cent in October, reflecting weak stock markets, believes it is temporarily protected from the *market fallout through* its unquoted portfolio.

Several of its unquoted holdings are expected to be publicly floated, given reasonable markets, this year.

Ensign Trust, controlled by the Merchant Navy Officers' pension fund, said in its annual report for the year to September that it was well-placed to take advantage of opportunities. It was still confident for the longer term.

Tricentrol loss

Tricentrol's turnover for the three months to September 30 reached *£7.4 million (£4.9 million)* and the pretax loss was cut to £2.1 million (£5.8 million). There is no extraordinary debit this year (£58.7 million). The loss per share was 2.2p (4.7p). Tricentrol reports that negotiations to arrange finance for the development *of its gas fields and* Wytch Farm are continuing satisfactorily. The loss for the third quarter reflects the Thistle Field maintenance shut-in of two weeks in July.

Alpine cuts loss

Alpine Soft Drinks' trading loss for the 26 weeks to September 26 was cut to £134,000 (£211,000 loss) on lower turnover of £6.53 *million* (£7.19 million). The loss per share was 1.13p (2.05 loss). At the end of the half-year, the company had cash resources of about £2.9 million. The new board intends to expand the group's business through acquisition and product growth.

Leopold Joseph

Leopold Joseph Holdings has *declared an unchanged interim* dividend of 2.81p on the capital, as enlarged by the rights issue, for the year ending March 31 next, payable on January 8. Pretax profits for the half-year to end-September benefited from the buoyant conditions in financial markets although the full implications of the recent setback to stock markets remain to be seen.

SW Resources

Turnover of Southwest Resources for the six months to September 30 slipped to £2.01 million (£3.86 million), but pretax profit rose to £465,000 (£100,000). There is no profit on North Sea disposal this year (£846,000), but there are extraordinary profits of £330,000 (nil). Earnings per share were 0.54p (1.49p).

UPL optimism

Turnover of the UPL Group reached *£4.25* million (£3.48 million) in the six months to July 31, while pretax profit reached £148,762 (£136,623). *Earnings per share* were 2.85p (2.74p). Current trading is buoyant and the directors remain optimistic.

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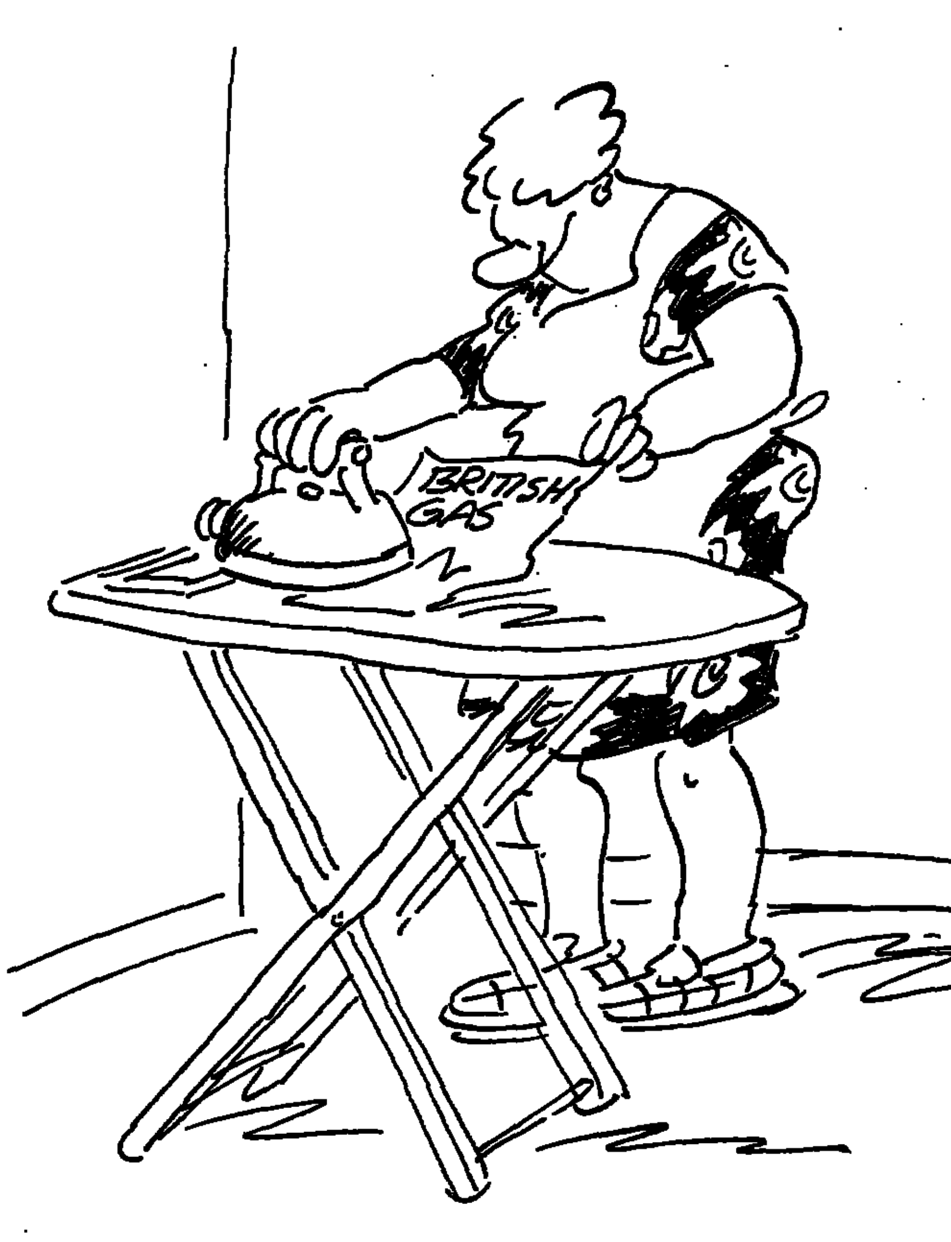

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CBI fears loss of benefits in new personal pensions

By Colin Narbrough

People investing in company pension schemes are likely to lose important benefits if they pull out and set up a personal pension plan under legislation which comes into force next year, according to the Confederation of British Industry.

A survey, published yesterday in the latest issue of the CBI's *Employment Affairs Report*, shows, furthermore, that many firms are planning improvements to company schemes to make them more attractive to employees, making personal schemes less of an option for employees.

Personal pensions, likely to come into effect next April under the Social Security Act 1986, form part of the Government's drive to increase labour mobility by loosening the ties between employers and employees.

The survey, which covered 260 pension schemes with total assets of £77 billion and more than 2 million members, was conducted to find out what changes will take place when the personal schemes are in place and employers are unable to oblige employees to join company schemes.

Mr Rod Thomas, the Director of Employment Affairs for the CBI, commented that the survey shows that people in good company schemes have a "strong incentive" to stay there, rather than opt out and set up personal pensions.

"They may find they are giving themselves a worse deal", he said.

The CBI plans to update the survey regularly, to allow personnel managers to monitor how other companies are responding to the new arrangements.

The main findings of the survey are that:

- The majority of employees pulling out of company schemes will no longer receive any company contribution to their pensions and will lose other benefits that may accompany normal occupational schemes.
- Of the firms questioned, 60 per cent will exclude employees' dependents from any benefits, and a further 27 per cent are considering such action.
- Forty per cent will exclude those opting out from lump-sum death benefit, and a further 24 per cent are considering doing so.
- More than 50 per cent of firms providing disability benefit will exclude from cover employees who leave a company scheme.
- Of the firms questioned, 68 per cent will make no contribution to an employee's personal pension, and a further 22 per cent are unlikely to do so.
- More than 70 per cent of firms are making changes in company schemes, including improvements in benefits and extending schemes to cover younger and part-time employees.

UK eases stance on vetting of mergers

By Our Financial Staff

The Government, keen to achieve a truly Common Market, will today signal a more co-operative approach than hitherto on the question of merger control throughout the European Economic Community.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, is expected to tell his EEC counterparts meeting in Brussels that Britain, while not accepting the proposals for an outline merger policy put forward by Mr Peter Sutherland, EEC Commissioner for Competition, remained open-minded and was prepared to talk.

Mr Sutherland wants national authorities to make prior notification of all mergers a legal requirement. These would then be vetted by Brussels.

Until now, the Government has taken the view that British competition policy provided sufficient control, and that subjecting takeovers and mergers to scrutiny by Brussels would cause only damaging delay.

But two developments may have changed the Government's mind.

The European Court of Justice this month delivered a landmark ruling which strengthens the Commission's scope for exercising merger control across the 12-nation community.

As the EEC's highest legal authority, it judged that the Commission had acted properly in imposing conditions on a tie-up between two cigarette makers, Philip Morris and Rothmans International. The court confirmed for the first time that article 85 of the Treaty of Rome — which guarantees free competition — applies to share transactions too.

At home, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has also led the Government away from its previous rejection of a European role in competition policy.

He strongly emphasized at the Conservative Party conference last month that creating a single European market by the 1992 target was a central goal. Free competition in a market of 320 million people would mean more jobs, but consumers' interests would have to be protected.

Mr Sutherland has told British MPs that the case was stronger than ever for an inquiry by the Commission into European air travel to see whether it was working against the interests of the consumer.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Climate is right for cut in corporation tax

As the Chancellor looks at his blank sheet of paper headed "Budget 1988" he will be keenly aware of the changes since he last began the Budget building process. The most obvious is that this year the Government does not face an imminent general election. It will therefore be possible to risk offending a few special interest groups in the cause of tax reform in the hope that they will have forgotten about it in four years' time.

Mr Lawson has also been freed to some extent from the annual imperative to "do something" about unemployment. With the numbers out of work currently falling faster than anywhere else he will not feel the same need to spend some of his precious fiscal adjustment on new job schemes cooked up by the Department of Employment or on tax initiatives which can be presented as job-creating in a specific rather than a general way.

But together with this greater freedom of action he will also face new demands arising from the threat of recession and the stock market crash. Anything therefore that he can do to help industry in a way which will not risk a boost to inflation or to give some comfort to a stricken securities industry and a disgruntled Sid will be welcome.

Mr Lawson's reform of corporation tax, in which he ended 100 per cent first-year investment allowances and at the same time brought down the rate from 52 per cent to 35 per cent, is widely regarded as his most radical achievement in the tax field. It may now be time to bring the rate down further. By cutting CT he would shore up business confidence and increase demand in the economy through higher investment — a preferable alternative to increasing consumer spending which is already at a high level. He would also make Britain a still more attractive place to invest from the tax accountant's point of view, bringing the rate below the US corporate rate of 34 per cent. Interestingly, the Germans also seem to be considering a boost for industry in the expansionary package now under discussion in response to provisional agreement on cuts in the US deficit.

There is another, more rarified argument for bringing the CT rate closer to that of income tax. One of the Government's general principles is that people's behaviour should not be unduly influenced by the tax system. But because the basic rate of income tax is lower than the CT rate there is a tax incentive to finance new investment through debt rather than equity. This is because debt interest is taxed as part of the recipient's income whereas dividends have to be paid out of profits subject to corporate tax. Aligning taxes on income and profits would improve the neutrality of the tax system and arguably make for safer gearing ratios in British companies.

To cut the CT rate to the present rate of income tax in one go would cost getting on for £3 billion in the first year. But it might be possible to claw back some of the revenue through offsetting changes to the business tax regime or, as Nicholas Gibb suggested in a recent pamphlet for the Adam Smith Institute, to phase the move in over more than 1 year.

Wider share ownership is another Government aim which has claims to be considered in the context of the next Budget. Stimulating personal share ownership could be an uphill task if by next March the stock market is still as paranoiac as it is now. But newly fledged shareholders tempted into the stock market by the Government's privatization issues need some incentive to maintain their interest if they are not to drift away in disgust.

Really, the need is either to remove some of the enormous tax privileges enjoyed by institutional saving or to give personal investment the same advantages. But the Chancellor promised during the last Parliament to publish a green paper before making any substantial changes to the taxation of savings so unless he produces one in the next week or two, root and branch reform seems to be out for this Budget.

There is, however, a long-standing case for abolishing Stamp Duty. Taxes on the free movement of capital are bad in principle because they tend to discourage the most efficient use of resources. Ending the ½ per cent duty on share transactions would further improve the City's competitiveness against other financial centres, help the securities industry at a difficult time and give investors a fillip.

There is an equally good case for abolishing the 1 per cent duty on property which penalises workers moving house to take a new job. But the time for this may not be as ripe as for ending the duty on securities and the revenue cost would be greater.

Personal tax reform will no doubt be at the centre of the Budget with a further cut in the basic rate of income tax and some reduction in the higher rates. Finding the revenue for this may be marginally assisted by the European Court.

Election pledges have narrowed down the extent to which the Chancellor can extend VAT to other items, and in Parliamentary questions last week he reaffirmed that positive rates of VAT would not be imposed on food, fuel or children's clothes. But the European Commission's long-running infraction proceedings against the United Kingdom in respect of VAT on new building are likely to reach a verdict in January. If it goes in the Commission's favour the Chancellor could be the semi-unwilling beneficiary of an extra £300 million.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

UK equity fall 'long overdue'

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The collapse of the London stock market last month was the result of an over-valuation of British equities and was not fundamentally caused by the fall in share prices in New York, says Lloyds Bank's latest *Economic Bulletin*.

The United States share price fall was a trigger, but British equities were suffering from an unsustainable boom in 1987, said Mr Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser at Lloyds Bank.

The peak growth period was during 1984 and 1985, when earnings increased by 25 per cent a year. Company earnings per share doubled during the 1980s and price-earnings ratios rose, on average, 2.5 times. This led to the five-fold increase in share prices over the same period, Mr Johnson says.

The change in equity markets since Big Bang may also have helped to prolong the rise in shares.

Over the last two years, however, dividends and earnings growth has slowed although share prices continued to rise so that p/e ratios shot up this year. Equity yields dropped far below redemption yields on gilt-edged stocks and needed a 30 per cent fall in share prices to come back into line. This is what happened in October, Mr Johnson says, while gilts yield rose by 10 per cent as part of the readjustment.

Future price rises would be at a very much slower rate than in recent years.

Workhorses for courses

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Tough new small tractors and other cheap and simple farm machinery developed by an African-owned engineering company based in Kent could help Third World countries to overcome their chronic food shortages.

Farm machinery ranks among Britain's largest exports — worth £850 million a year — but most big manufacturers such as Massey Ferguson, Ford and Case IH, produce complex high-technology machines largely unsuited to remote and previously uncultivated areas.

About 80 per cent of tractor breakdowns in many poor countries stem from damaged wheels or tyres, electrical faults and lack of spare parts.

Now Workwell Engineering, based at Ashford, has started making small robust tractors which hark back to the simple sort of mass-produced vehicle pioneered by the late Henry Ford which revolutionized agriculture in North America and Europe after the First World War.

Michael Northwood and the steel-wheeled Farmwell tractor

The Farmwell tractor, which costs about a third less than other small tractors, utilizes a remarkably effective spring starter which needs no electric power, so removing the risk of flat batteries.

It is fitted with steel wheels instead of tyres, a simplified gearbox and transmission, and an oilbath air filter which needs no replacement parts. Servicing can be done on the farm.

Mr Michael Northwood, Workwell's managing director, said the basic bodywork could easily be made in developing countries.

Workwell is owned by Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines, a multinational mining group which has diversified into engineering, steel moulding, cargo services and technical consultancy.

Mr Northwood said Workwell had produced about 120 of the new tractors, mainly for Zambia.

Storehouse 'close to Blazer buy'

By Lawrence Lever

Storehouse, the High Street conglomerate, is in the final stages of negotiations to buy Blazer, the small chain of menswear shops which recently shelved its plans for a £10 million USM flotation because of the market crash.

The two sides are believed to be close to a deal whereby Storehouse would initially pay £5 million, plus further payments, depending on performance. Storehouse is believed to want Blazer as the seed for a nationwide chain of menswear shops which would operate alongside its Richards Shops group, a leading retailer of clothes for women in the 25-to-45 age group.

Like Richards, Blazer would be autonomous. The existing Blazer management would develop the chain, which, since it was founded in 1979 by Mr David Krantz, has built a reputation for fashionable and high quality men's clothes.

Last year it made profits before tax of £600,000.

Groundnuts dig in for festive season

By Our City Staff

Nuts, now making their regular pre-Christmas appearance on the retail stage, are part of a vigorous world market that has its traders, brokers and analysts like any other.

Readers of the latest quarterly *Edible Nut Market Report*, from the commodity brokers Gill & Duffus, will, of course, know all this. But, for the less involved, the report makes fascinating reading.

As in any good nut review, Gill & Duffus kicks off with peanuts, or groundnuts as the trade prefers to call them.

Since late September prices have jumped almost 50 per cent, thanks largely to sharp downward revisions in the American crop forecast.

US peanuts, representing the top end of the market, have been trading at more than $900 (£500) per ton, almost $300 up since September.

Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands, the leading peanut importers, have continued buying steadily despite large stocks built up last year.

The report safely predicts that the fate of the market rests with the actual size of the American crop, grown mainly in Georgia and the deep South.

The ample supply of almonds points to there being little chance of great price movements in the months ahead. The market lost $300 per 220lb load since last year's peaks, but stock rebuilding and the depreciation of the dollar should prevent the price declining to the levels seen in 1985-86.

West Germany and Japan are the world's leading almond importers, while the top grower is the US — a reversal of roles seen in manufacturing trade.

The weakening dollar might well lie behind the stagnation in cashew consumption this year. The Americans, the biggest cashew eaters, are buying fewer, and uptake in other markets has failed to offset this drop. Brazil and India, the two largest exporters, will have to face lower prices.

Turkey, the biggest producer of hazelnuts, was hit last year by the fall-out of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster,

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

And so, at last, to bed

Men and Matters, the Financial Times diary since the 1950s, is being abolished. It will be replaced in January by a re-styled version, to be called Observer, written by the newspaper's assistant editor and chief political columnist, Malcolm Rutherford. "It had been at the back of our minds to change it for some time," says Rutherford, who tells me that the paper has, for many years, received a steady flow of letters from female readers complaining that the title was sexist. "It will still be a diary about people, but we will make it more flexible, so that we can devote the whole column to one person if we want," he says. Meanwhile I hear that one of the FT's other rising stars, Hugo Dixon, is off to become parliamentary aide to SDP leader Robert Maclennan.

Reuters feels the pinch

The stock market crash — or crashette as it is now being called on Wall Street — is certainly going to affect the spending power of the directors and other top executives of Reuters, the news agency which these days makes most of its money supplying information to the world's financial markets. With Reuters shares falling further than most — down to 429p on Friday from a year's high of 914p — and fears, as yet unfulfilled, of a downturn in business, the people at the top have, I hear, agreed to freeze their salaries. The company's salary review session, traditionally held on January 1, has apparently been postponed for at least three months. Lower-paid executives and other employees will, however, be permitted increases in line with inflation on the grounds that their salaries should be "maintained at current levels in real terms." Corporate relations manager Mike Cooling tells me: "There has been no change in the cancellation rate for our services. It's simply a matter of management prudence in the light of what has been happening in the markets."

Name games

MPs do not exactly enjoy a reputation for minding their words. But last week the Commons witnessed an unusual display of concern over pronunciation during the second reading of a Bill on the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Miga). Having heard Chris Patten, the Overseas Development Minister, pronounce Miga as "meagre," John Bowis, Tory MP for Battersea and PR chief for the Insurance Brokers Association, suggested amending the initials. Quick-witted Patten, acknowledging the point, offered a way round the problem. The first two letters should be be made to rhyme with "pie" or "sky". Did his choice of words show how the Government sees the agency?

"Buy 16 clubs — we might get eight score-draws"

Words for loss

Barclays de Zoete Wedd seems to be rather coy about drawing attention to its own misfortunes during the stock market crash, when it is reputed to have lost more than £50 million. Its weekly research publication on the financials sector dated November 23 refers ambiguously to trading losses in the banking sector. It comments on market-makers shares, saying cryptically that Smith New Court shares were not helped "by Barclay's announcement on one of its subsidiaries" and advising investors to avoid them — but it gives no further details of its own sorry tale. Surely such unwillingness to take bad news on the chin is taking in-house loyalty to an absurd extreme.

Yoicks, a yuppie

Thinking of buying a country pad in Berkshire? Then do not tell the estate agent what you do for a living. According to the latest edition of *Harpers & Queen*, one estate agent in the Royal county admits to slapping up to £250,000 on the price when a young City-type inquires about any "small sporting properties" for sale. And, if you annually fork out as much as £4,000 to take over an aristocrat's grouse, pheasant or duck shoot for the day, think again. You might not be as welcome as you think. According to the article City yuppies have a reputation for being bad shots — not seeming to care too much if they merely wing a bird and for trying to kill an indecent number to ensure they get their money's worth. For those among the magazine's upper-crust readers who have not yet encountered the strange yuppie species, the author describes them thus: "A man, still in his twenties, employed by one of 30-odd market-making firms. He would very often have only a state school education and an East End accent. But he would be very good at figures and an ebullient risk-taker by nature. He would earn up to £150,000 but for this would sit, umbilically pegged to his TV screens, from 7.30am to 7.45pm, with a sandwich lunch."

- **Overheard in a Washington restaurant: "If President Reagan always speaks the truth, how come he keeps having bits cut off his nose?"**

Carol Leonard

BRADFORD & BINGLEY'S NEW RATES OF INTEREST

NEW RATES OF INTEREST ON INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST DECEMBER 1987

CURRENT DEPARTMENTS	Net % p.a.	Gross Equivalent % p.a.
Ordinary Account	4.00	5.48
MAXIMISER Bonus (including full bonus)	7.25	9.93
MAXIMISER Income (£5,000—£24,999)	7.25	9.93
MAXIMISER Income (£25,000 or more)	7.40	10.14
MAXIMISER Growth (£5,000—£24,999)	7.50	10.27
MAXIMISER Growth (£25,000 or more)	7.65	10.48
Prosperity Plan (2nd Issue–Annual version)	8.38	11.48
Prosperity Share (2nd Issue)	7.97	10.92
High Yield S.A.Y.E. (over 7 years)	7.88	10.79
Flexible Savings (including full bonus)	5.00	6.85
Startline Homebuilder (including bonus)	5.00	6.85
TIMESAVER Pay Plan	4.00	5.48
Deposit Account	3.50	4.79
Overseas Resident Account	—	9.47

The existing differentials paid on existing accounts will be maintained for the agreed period. The rates on other investment accounts not shown above will be reduced by 1% net p.a. from 1st December 1987, (except for S.A.Y.E. which will not change).

Interest rates are variable. Gross Equivalents assume Income Tax is paid at the basic rate of 27%.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, from 1st January 1988, Premium Access Account (Issue 1), will pay interest at a rate of 6.16% net p.a., Premium Access Account, (Issue 2) will pay interest at 6.25% net p.a. and all issues of Extra Interest Account will pay interest at 6.16% net p.a. High Income (Issues 1 and 2) will pay interest at 6.75% net p.a.

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Diplomatic problem set to resurface

China and Taiwan may seek Gatt membership

By Colin Narbrough

The "Two Chinas" problem, which dogged world diplomacy for years, may be about to resurface over membership of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Geneva-based organization seeking freer international trade.

As momentum gathers for a forceful push by the Gatt countries to liberalize trade in new areas such as services and farm goods, both Communist China and anti-Communist Taiwan appear keen to take part.

Peking has been sending out signals in recent months suggesting that it would like membership of the club, which not only seeks to remove barriers to trade, but also provides vital procedures for settling disputes.

Western observers see as the latest pointer China's adoption of gross national product as a key economic indicator. Peking's official news media have started to praise this measure as a better indicator of economic activity than previously used criteria.

GNP – the total output of goods and services, foreign and domestic – is a wider measure than gross domestic product, including important items such as earnings from overseas investment and transfers. Gatt does not oblige members to use GNP, but moves by Peking to make its national book-keeping more transparent would make it more acceptable to the trade body.

Meanwhile in Taipei, a foreign ministry spokesman said that Taiwan – all that remains of the former Nationalist China and founder member of Gatt 40 years ago – was looking at the possibility of rejoining.

It opted for observer status in 1950 after the Communists had taken control of the Chinese mainland, severing all links when China joined the United Nations in 1971.

Taiwan's successful export-oriented economy stands to benefit from Gatt membership, and the business community has put pressure on Taipei towards this end. If the Taiwan government felt unable to take the country back into the fold, it could join as a tariff territory.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.0 (day's range 75.9-76.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 27

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8055-1.8075	1.8055-1.8065	0.19-0.16pr	0.58-0.53pr
Montrl	2.3617-2.3692	2.3625-2.3656	par-0.15ds	0.10p-0.05ds
Amstrdm	3.3644-3.3701	3.3655-3.3700	1½-1⅜pr	3⅝-3½pr
Brussels	62.45-62.70	62.54-62.70	20-10pr	40-25pr
Copnhgn	11.5286-11.5608	11.5299-11.5544	1½-3⅞ds	1⅞-4ds
Dublin	1.1249-1 1280	1.1268-1.1278	6pr-par	3pr-10ds
Frankft	2.9907-2.9959	2.9908-2.9952	1½-1¼pr	3¾-3½pr
Lisbon	243.00-245.10	243.02-244.96	93-133ds	286-381ds
Madrid	201.45-202.17	201.58-202.06	95-130ds	260-300ds
Milan	2203.32-2216.00	2209.03-2213.87	par-6ds	10-20ds
Oslo	11.5891-11.6313	11.6003-11.6248	5¾-7½ds	18¾-20ds
Paris	10.1633-10 1934	10.1740-10.1932	¼pr-¼ds	¼pr-1¼ds
Stckhlm	10.8445-10.8721	10.8511-10.8661	¼pr-¾ds	½-2ds
Tokyo	241.35-241.93	241.40-241.80	1⅛-⅞pr	3-2½pr
Vienna	21 05-21 11	21.07-21.10	8⅝-7⅞pr	24-20¾pr
Zurich	2.4582-2.4622	2.4564-2.4605	1¼-⅞pr	3¾-2⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7.6801-7.7736
Australia dollar	2.5981-2.5634
Bahrain dinar	0.6790-0.6830
Brazil cruzado *	112.46-113.07
Cyprus pound	0.8100-0.8200
Finland marka	7.3375-7.3775
Greece drachma	234.50-236.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.013-14.040
India rupee	23.26-23.46
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4990-0.5030
Malaysia dollar	4.5039-4.5083
Mexico peso	3950-4050
New Zealand dollar	2.8387-2.8473
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7550-6.7950
Singapore dollar	3.6754-3.6793
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5010-5.6290
S Africa rand (com)	3.5362-3.5451
U A E dirham	6.6150-6.6550

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 8½ Week fixed: 8 13/16
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8 23/32 3 mth – 8⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 8 11/16 3 mth – 8⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8 27/32-8 25/32 2 mth: 8¾-8 23/32 3 mth: 8 11/16-8 21/32
6 mth 8 15/32-8 13/32
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9 15/32 2 mth: 9⅜ 3 mth. 9 5/16
6 mth 9 3/32
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9½ close 10½
1 week: 9⅛-9 1 mth. 9-8 15/16 3 mth: 9-8 15/16
6 mth: 9-8 15/16 9 mth. 9⅛-9 12 mth: 9⅛-9
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅞ 7 day: 8⅞ 1 mth: 8⅞
3 mth: 8⅞ 6 mth: 8⅞ 12 mth: 9
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 2 mth: 9 1/16-8 13/16 3 mth: 9 1/16-8 13/16
6 mth: 9 1/16-8 13/16 9 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 9-8 13/16 3 mth: 8⅞-8¾ 6 mth: 8⅞-8¾
12 mth: 8⅞-8¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 8.00-7.95 3 mth: 7.65-7.60 6 mth: 7.65-7.60
12 mth: 8.00-7.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6¾-5¾	6 11/16-6 9/16	7 13/16-7 11/16	7 11/16-7 9/16	7⅝-7½
Deutschemark: Call: 3¾-2¾	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 15/16-3 13/16	3 15/16-3 13/16
French Franc: Call: 8¾-7¾	8 11/16-8 9/16	9 1/16-8 15/16	9⅛-9	9⅛-9
Swiss Franc: Call: 1½-½	2-1¾	4½-4⅜	4¼-4⅛	4¼-4⅛
Yen: Call: 3¾-2¾	4 5/16-4 3/16	4⅜-4¼	4 7/16-4 5/16	4 7/16-4 5/16

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £670.5m allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.875% received: 15%
Last week: £97.895% received: 100%
Avge rate: £8.4842% last wk £8.4431%
Next week: £100m replace £200m

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6030-1 6050	Denmark	6.3950-6.4000	Italy	1222.0-1224.0
Singapore	2.0340-2.0350	W Germany	1.6555-1.6565	Belgium (Cdm)	34.63-34.68
Malaysia	2.4925-2.4935	Switzerland	1.3605-1 3615	Hong Kong	7.7550-7.7650
Australia	0.6945-0.6955	Netherlands	1.8640-1.8650	Portugal	134.70-135.20
Canada	1.3085-1 3095	France	5.6330-5.6380	Spain	111.70-111.80
Sweden	6.0125-6.0175	Japan	133.75-133.85	Austria	11.65-11.67
Norway	6.4325-6.4375				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Alexon Group, American Business Systems, Caradon Mira, Freshbake Foods Group, London Securities, William Morris Fine Arts, Office & Electronic Machines, Sheraton Securities International, Unilock Holdings. **Finals:** Circaprint Holdings, Hawthorn Leslie Group, G&G Kynoch, Maxiprint, Trafalgar House (expected December 1).
TOMORROW – Interims: Allied Colloids Group, Allied-Lyons, Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), Birmingham Mint Group, Boscombe Property Co, Buffelsfontein Gold Mining, Calor Group, Cape Industries, Drummond Group, Fashion & General Investment, General Electric, Graham Motor Group, Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, Illingworth, Morris, Logitek, Lyons Irish Holdings, Millward Brown, Monks & Crane, Norcros, Northern Securities Trust, Prontaprint. **Finals:** Beatrix Mines, Berry Trust, Dundee & London Investment Trust, Grootvlei Proprietary Mines, Leeds Group, Marievale Consolidated Mines, Polly Peck International, St Helena Gold Mines, Stilfontein Gold Mining, West Rand Consolidated Mines.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: Anglo United, Argyll Group, James Latham, Mountview Estates, Rowlinson Securities, Christian Salvesen. **Finals:** Anglia Secure Homes, City Site Estates (expected December 3), Saatchi & Saatchi.
THURSDAY – Interims: Asprey, Carless, Capel & Leonard, Castings, Coalite Group, Hunter Saphir, Irish Wire Products, Jarvis Porter Group, Johnson Matthey, Marling Industries, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Scapa Group, 600 Group, RW Toothill. **Finals:** Bass, Fairline Boats, Hanson Trust, RHP Group, Tate & Lyle, Tunstall Telecom.
FRIDAY – Interims: London & Overseas Freighters, Priest Marians Holdings, Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services. **Finals:** Lexicon, Inc.

APPOINTMENTS

TSB Commercial Holdings: **Mr Don McCrickard** has been appointed deputy chairman of United Dominions Trust. Mr **John Bourke** becomes managing director of United Dominions Trust and joins the boards of TSB Commerical Holdings and Swan National.

Jones Lang Wootton: Mr **Dick Blaxland** joins the partnership and becomes chairman of Jones Lang Wootton Financial Services.

Cameron Markby: Ms **Wendy London** has been appointed director of information services.

Tarmac: Mr **Des Andrews** has been appointed assistant managing director of the quarry products division; he also becomes chairman of Tarmac Roadstone's eastern region and chairman of Tarmac

Ferranti: **Sir Derek Alun-Jones** becomes executive chairman. **Mr JH Guerin** joins the board as deputy chairman, **Mr NC Blackwell**, **Mr RC Ivy** and **Mr JH Zilligen** become executive directors and **Mr JM Fox** and **Mr JA Heywood** non-executive directors.

British Shoe Corporation: **Mr Andrew Leslie** and **Mr Ed Spetter** join the main board.

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THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,639,000	Abelscot	205	..	4.8	2.3	17.1
3,572,000	Aber Am Pet	24	-1	..	..	..
4,233,000	Allied Ins	134	.	5.5	4.1	17.1
4,246,000	Amercoeur	38	+2	..	..	..
1,381,000	Andersen Res	66	..	..	..	..
——	Broadcast	160	-10	..	..	..
8,640,000	Camotech	72	+2	2.8	3.9	20.1
11 3m	Catalyst	65	+1	..	..	21.8
3,034,000	Chelsea Art	158	+25		..	..
1,446,000	Chemex Intl	54	+9	..	..	..
1,450,000	Comac	98	-4	3.3	3.4	13.8
22.7m	Conton Bch	66	-4	0.6	0.9	17.8
52.8m	Crown Eye	165	+20	.	..	50.0
10.5m	Far E Res	105	+35	..	..	..
5,580,000	Gardner (J)	62	-3	..	..	..
5,968,000	Honorbilt	24	+1	..	..	..
——	Kemp (PE)	43	..	..	..	..
30.1m	Leading Lsr	66	+5	..	..	..
2,755,000	Lynx Tech	75	+5	.	..	8.6
8,514,000	Medirace	99	-1	..	.	..
5,450,000	Pub Hldgs	33	-5	..	..	19.1
6,243,000	Seacon	82	..	..	..	..
6,272,000	Theme Hldgs	45	● ..	1.4	3.1	23.6
5,561,000	UPL	138	+3	..	..	..
4,820,000	Unit Group	119	● +6	6.9	5.8	6.7

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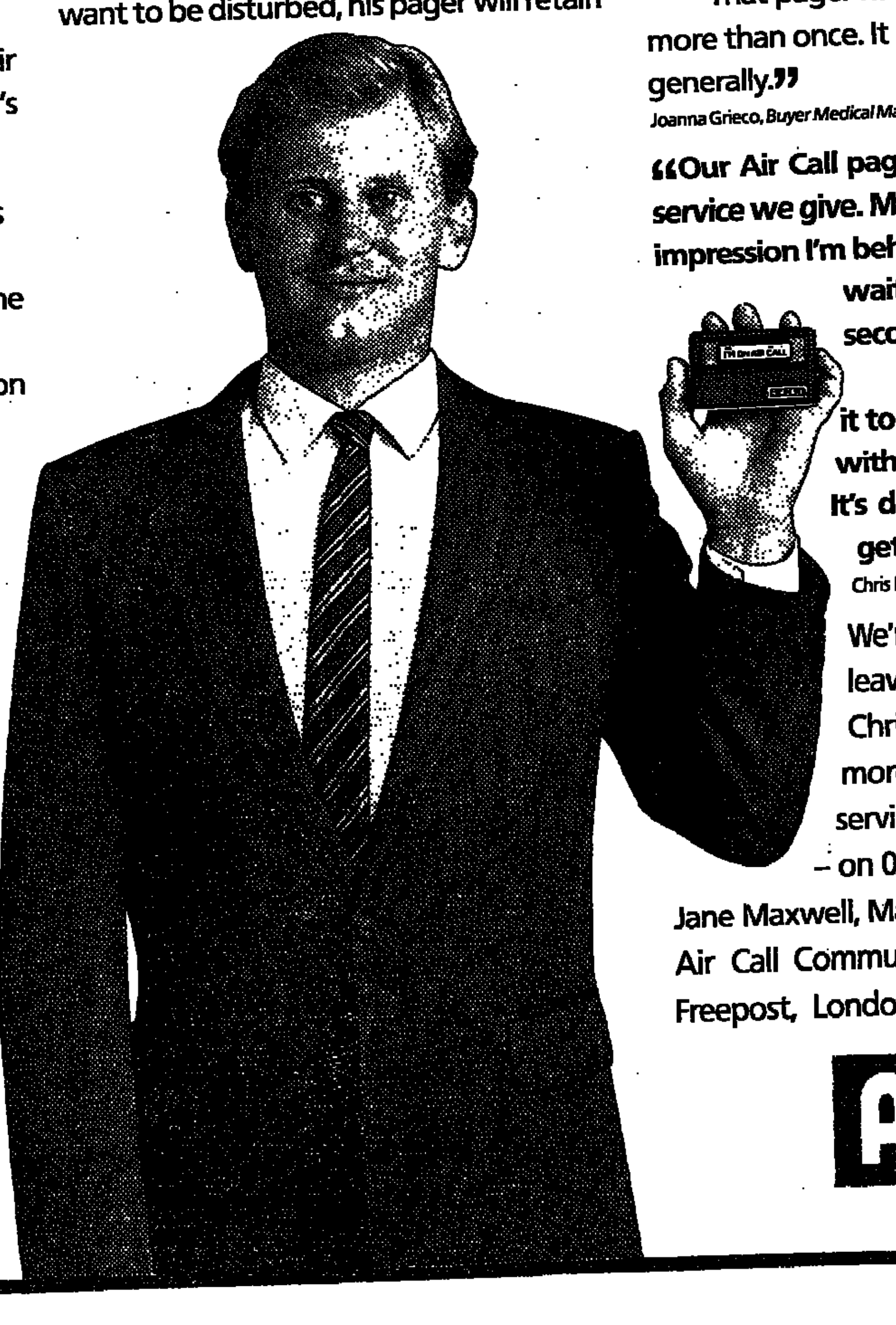

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AIR CALL

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end December 4. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Tricentrol	Oil & Gas	
2	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
3	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
4	Emess	Electricals	
5	Tottenham Hotspur	Leisure	
6	Br Dredging	Building,Roads	
7	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
8	AAF Inv	Industrials A-D	
9	Illingworth	Textiles	
10	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
11	Linread	Industrials L-R	
12	Regalian	Property	
13	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
14	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
15	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
16	Irish Distl	Breweries	
17	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
18	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
19	Senior Eng	Industrials S-Z	
20	Provident	Banks,Discount	
21	Amstrad (aa)	Electricals	
22	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
23	Fenner (JH)	Industrials E-K	
24	Premier	Oil & Gas	
25	AB Elect	Electricals	
26	Wimpey (George)	Building,Roads	
27	Spear (JW)	Industrials S-Z	
28	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Armstrong	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Normans	Foods	
31	Steetley	Building,Roads	
32	Caledonia	Shipping	
33	Bassett Foods	Foods	
34	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
35	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Micro Focus	Electricals	
37	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	Foods	
38	Portals	Industrials L-R	
39	Ferranti (aa)	Electricals	
40	Ladbroke (aa)	Hotels, Caterers	
41	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
42	MS Int	Industrials L-R	
43	Stakis	Hotels, Caterers	
44	Beckman (A)	Textiles	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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BRITISH FUNDS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Thu'day	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
17.5m	Rea Bros	65	-3	2.0	3.1	12.4
457.0m	Rothschild (J) Hld	148	●+6	8.2	5.5	7.9
880.2m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	293	-7	15.6	5.3	7.4
226.0m	Schroders	£9	-¼	22.6	2.5	14.0
739.6m	Stand Chart (aa)	475	+15	48.0	10.1	5.9
1,645.0m	TSB (aa)	110	+3	6.5	5.9	..
101.2m	Union	810	..	63.0	7.8	9.4
562.4m	Warburg SG	310	+7	14.4	4.6	..
48.5m	Do 6% 'A'	114	+2	8.2	7.2	..
1,223.8m	Wells Fargo	£22¾	..	..	..	..
37.4m	Wintrust	443	..	8.5	1.9	17.4

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Thu'day	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,488.0m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	334	+4	15.6	4.7	8.9
2,733.3m	Bass (aa)	811	+37	24.1	3.0	14.9
71.0m	Belhaven	38	+1½	1.0	2.6	13.7
126.9m	Boddington	138	+4	5.1	3.7	15.1
159.4m	Brown (Matthew)	645	+20	19.2b	3.0	22.5
26.7m	Buckleys	176	..	4.4	2.5	54.3
76.2m	Bulmer (H P)	147	-2	7.9	5.4	10.4
29.1m	Burtonwood Brew	140	●-3	4.0	2.9	22.6
35.8m	Clark (Matthew)	405	-10	12.3	3.0	13.5
94.4m	Devenish (JA)	258	+3	4.0	1.6	35.7
209.1m	Greenall Whitley	185	+1	8.2	4.4	9.4
191.3m	Greene King	456	-1	8.9	2.0	23.4
2,143.8m	Guinness (aa)	258	+21	12.6b	4.9	9.2

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Thu'day	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
313.1m	Atlantic Comp	380	+10	6.9	1.9	10.4
2,761,000	Audio Fidelity	60	..	..	..	32.5
153.5m	Auto Sec	219	+17	2.7	1.2	16.2
864.4m	BICC (aa)	311	●+3	16.8	5.4	16.4
129.1m	BSR	77	● ..	3.8	4.9	13.9
25.8m	Black	128	-8	4.7	3.7	11.6
56.6m	Borland	115	-10	..	..	..
249.1m	Bowthorpe	160	●+12	4.4b	2.8	13.9
160.1m	Britannia Security	159	●-3	2.5	1.6	13.1
12,865.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	214	-5	11.6	5.4	10.2
70.6m	Brown Boveri Kent	93	● ..	5.1	3.5	9.6
5,980,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	23	+2	0.1	0.4	39.0
73.9m	CAP Group	185	-5	2.5	1.4	17.8
37.0m	CASE	58	+3	0.1	0.2	4.9
3,111.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	305	+12	7.6	2.5	15.2
74.1m	Cambridge Elec	193	+6	11.2	5.8	12.3
64.4m	Cambridge Instr	68	-4	1.0	1.5	7.2
129.4m	Chloride	55	●+3	2.6	4.7	15.0
125.3m	Cray Elect	189	+9	3.5	1.9	10.9
50.2m	Crystalate	161	+9	7.3	4.5	8.8
3,560,000	DDT Group	55	..	1.6	2.9	9.8
11.6m	Dale Elec	87	+12	4.8	5.5	18.0
1,656,000	Dewhurst	46	-2	1.7	3.7	17.6
1,476,000	Do 'A'	41	-2	1.7	4.1	15.7
58.1m	Domino	292	+2	3.1	1.1	19.2
51.6m	Dowding & Mills	60	..	2.4	4.0	14.7
50.4m	Dubilier	140	+1	4.5	3.2	13.2
373.1m	Electrocomponents	183	●+14	5.3	2.9	14.4
9,011,000	Elec Data Process	105	+5	2.5	2.4	12.6
2,628,000	Electronic Mach	103	..	0.4	0.4	..

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Thu'day	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
47.7m	Bodycote	210	●+9	6.0	2.8	14.1
2,034.6m	Boots (aa)	220	● ..	11.4	5.2	12.7
1,752,000	Booth Inds	200	-10	4.1	2.1	13.6
359.5m	Bowater	305	+1	15.4	5.0	17.2
487.2m	Bowater Inc	£16⅝	+2¼	..	..	..
10.1m	Braithwaite Grp	205	+7	..	..	..
93.8m	Brammer	222	-10	17.1	7.7	12.3
17.1m	Brasway	46	-2	0.9	2.0	18.4
7,051,000	Bridgend Gp	50	●+3	0.3	0.6	33.3
75.1m	Bridon	135	+36	7.5	5.6	22.0
18.0m	Bridport-Gundry	180	-1	9.6	5.3	13.4
749.8m	Brierley Inv	85	..	..	..	..
1,022.6m	Br Airways (aa)	142	●-3	8.2	5.8	..
3,328,000	Br Bldg & Eng App	275	..	2.4	0.9	..
38.4m	Br Syphon	116	●-8	5.7b	4.9	14.1
204.5m	Br Vita	372	+34	10.6	2.8	16.0
3,570.0m	Broken Hill	278	+12	..	..	..
12.4m	Bromsgrove Inds	114	r+1	2.5	2.2	20.4
3,825,000	Brown Eng	29	..	0.7	2.4	30.2
10.4m	Brooke Tool	33	..	2.1	6.4	10.0
47.3m	Brown & Tawse	185	+4	9.9	6.0	14.0
142.7m	Bullough	370	+10	16.0	4.3	13.4
82.6m	Burgess	215	●+6	4.3	2.0	11.5
23.9m	Burns-Anderson	100	-1	4.2	4.2	17.5
82.7m	CH Ind	117	-3	4.6b	3.9	11.0
22.4m	Camford Eng	118	+5	3.4b	2.9	12.1
105.2m	Cannon St	218	+3	5.5	2.5	16.4
15.3m	Caparo Ind	40	●-1	2.3	5.8	88.9
80.2m	Cape Ind	126	+6	4.8e	3.8	9.9
53.0m	Carclo Eng	127	-7	5.7	4.5	12.9
12.6m	Castings	133	..	5.1	3.8	10.5

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INSURANCE

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Thu'day	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
80.2m	Goal Pet	82	+14	1.4	1.7	30.9
36.5m	Gt Western Res	150	-1	3.0	2.0	..
—	Hamilton	£9⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
27.9m	[illegible] P S	150	● ..	12.3	8.2	8.4
27.1m	Inoco	32	..	..	..	..
14.7m	Jackson	14	..	..	..	..
17.6m	KCA Drilling	22	..	..	..	8.2
386.5m	LASMO (aa)	224	+5	13.0e	5.8	42.4
10.9m	Do Units	155	-10	42.7	27.5	..
12.9m	New London Oil	23	+1	..	..	..
—	Oil Search	45	+4	..	..	..
8,317,000	Petrocon	67	..	2.5e	3.7	19.6
—	Petroz	1½	..	..	..	..
187.9m	Premier	53½	+6	..	..	28.3
155.4m	Ranger	208	-2	..	..	..
16,015.2m	Royal Dutch	£59¼	+¼	226	3.8	..
11,176.0m	Shell (aa)	£10	..	63.0	8.3	12.3
6,604,000	Sikolene	205	●-15	9.6	4.7	19.0
45.0m	Sovereign	81	-1	..	..	5.2
14.1m	TR Energy	17	r-3	..	..	16.7
—	Target	23	+7	..	..	..
80.8m	Tricentrol	87	+6	.. e	..	3.8
116.3m	Triton Europe	141	-4	..	..	..
429.1m	Ultramar (aa)	155	-7	7.8	4.9	4.8
—	Woodside	51	+5	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

Courage to do it their way

Young people often find that success starts with self-awareness and, whatever your line, being in the right place at the right time still counts for a lot, says **Simon Walsh**

HAIR TODAY BY 'WOMAN OF TOMORROW'
Smith

There were 200 women arriving at a London hotel to hear *which of them would be hailed* as a "Woman of Tomorrow."

The event is organized by *Cosmopolitan* magazine, with awards for women under 30 "who have got what it *takes to make it to the* top in their chosen field."

Two of the winners were Rebecca Cazaly, now a globe-trotting hairdresser, and Jane Goldman, a self-taught journalist. *Rebecca, now 25, has her own salon,* and teaches other hairdressers throughout the world. "When I was 13 I met a hairdresser called Domenico Panetta, in my home town of Glenrothes. I liked the way he and his salon looked, and wanted to work there.

"I started as a *Saturday* girl *while* attending night classes. When I left school at 17 I had only another six months of my training to do, but I was already cutting hair. I knew I was going to *enjoy it as a job where* I could *have my* own individual style. In hairdressing you don't have to modify yourself for the job. You can look and dress as you like, and it's very much your personality that comes into play. I come from a big family and we all had rosters for our jobs *around the house from the age of six*, so I was used to working in a team."

The turning point in Rebecca's career came when she was working for Trevor Sorbies, the fashionable London salon. "I *met my partner* David Adams at Trevor Sorbies. He, my husband Gregory Cazaly and I all shared a similar outlook and we all wanted our own salon.

" *Then suddenly, one evening,* together we realized that between us we had all the skills and creative attributes needed. So there was no hesitation; these were the people I wanted to set up in business with, and vice versa.

"I spent a year researching different aspects of business and did short courses in *accountancy, marketing,* and *public* relations. I read books on management to see *what corporate structures* had to offer me as a small business.

"But I also spent a lot of time watching people. There are some things I remember wishing other bosses had taught me, like the psychology of dealing with people. That often has to start with self awareness. I might ask my staff questions, like what is your goal in life? How do you see *your role in the* company as man, or woman? I try to get them to think about things not necessarily connected with hairdressing but connected with human beings." A year after starting *out, their turnover is exactly as pre*dicted, and their staff increased from six to 22."

While already *making presentations* to fellow professionals as far afield as Italy, *Holland* and New Zealand, *Cazaly* and Co are now in the process of setting up a new company to specialize in organizing seminars, but their ambitions do not end there.

"My *aim* is to change the public's perception of hairdressing. Winning the award *makes* me *feel that* people are perhaps taking hairdressing a bit more seriously now."

A *similar* degree of determination led 17- year old Jane Goldman to her present position with *Just 17* magazine as editor of the Frontline section. "I had always been interested in reading and writing, but that is true of a lot of children. I think the main thing that pushed me was that *at 13 I started mixing with people* older than me.

"A lot of the most interesting, and apparently *the happiest people I met* were journalists. I talked to them a lot about their jobs, and what they entailed. "I was friendly with a girl about two years older than me with a similar ambition. We decided to do some stuff, with her taking the pictures and me writing.

"We were quite realistic, though. We knew we couldn't file to the big magazines. However, we had a few gay friends with whom we would socialise in a small market on the King's Road. The people there were great characters, and incredibly witty. It was very funny, *sometimes quite sad, and just* very interesting. We thougt it a shame that only we knew about them, and if we didn't, we'd want to read about them.

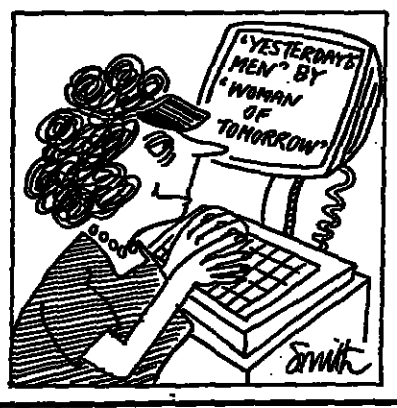
"So the next time we took a tape recorder and a camera and spent the day chatting. It was just a small piece, but you got all the bantering, so you felt as if *you knew them.* We realized that *Gay News* would be the best place to try; we found their address, dropped the result on their desk, and rushed out again. They phoned me back at home to say they were *using it,* and asked if we had anything else".

Another piece followed, and on delivering it Jane was in for a surprise. Jane was asked to write a piece about a *telephone counselling service.* "That was a real first for me, to sit down with a phone and typewriter, and be given something to do. I was expecting to do a quick interview with someone who worked on the 24- hour phoneline, but in fact it was quite controversial.

"They were very difficult, and incredibly unpleasant, but I got into a long discussion and we actually wrote quite a critical piece which drew a good many readers' letters".

More commissioned articles followed, until the *Gay News* gossip columnist left, and Jane and her friend Tula were invited to provide regular pictures and copy.

Jane was *still* only *13* and an eventful year followed, including helping run a small syndication agency for a group of photographers, and filling a regular London-based gossip column to pop magazines in Japan and the United States.


"YESTERDAY'S MEN" BY "WOMAN OF TOMORROW"
Smith

One of the photographers knew rock columnist Rick Sky of The Star, and an introduction led to some casual shifts as research assistant, ending up with a full-time job. At the age of 16, Jane Goldman was the youngest journalist to work on a national morning newspaper.

Jane is now an editor in her own *right at an age when she would* normally be studying under the National Council for the Training of Journalists.

"I couldn't recommend my approach to anyone else", she says. "*I'd sound silly* if I said 'go out and meet lots of *journalists,* be personable and you will get a job'. At the same time, having done a course won't guarantee you a job, which can be disheartening if you have been studying for a few years. I was *lucky, people were good to me* and gave me breaks. But I responded by proving myself useful. Being keen to learn as well as having enthusiasm and ideas helped. "But a contributing factor certainly is luck, meeting the right person at the right time – fate !".

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Information on application procedure and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, 3168, Australia, or the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF.

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Further information: Secretary of the Appointments Committee for the Faculty of Biology 'B', 19 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1QA.

Closing date: 4 January 1988

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Information on application procedure and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, 3168, Australia, or the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF.

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The pensionable stipend for a College Lecturer will be on the University Assistant Lecturer's Scale (currently £9,865 x four annual increments to £12,035). Further details may be obtained from the Master's Secretary, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, CB2 1RL, to who applications (8 copies) should be sent so as to arrive no later than 1 February 1988.

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Court of Appeal

Proof of intention required for possession order

Wansbeck District Council v Marley

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mr Justice Hollings

[Judgment November 24]

Where a local authority could not prove an intention to carry out work on a dwelling-house let under a secure tenancy and that the work could not be done without obtaining possession of the house, the court would not make a possession order against the tenant under ground 10 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1985.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the tenant, Mrs Joan Marley, from a *decision of Judge Hall sitting in Blythe County Court whereby he ordered her to give up* possession of Humford Mill Cottage, Bedlington, Northumbria which she held under a secure tenancy from the landlord local authority, Wansbeck District Council, within the meaning of the Housing Act 1980.

Mr *Jonathan Brock for the* tenant; *Mr Jeremy Richardson for the* council.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the tenant lived with her husband in the cottage since their marriage in 1952. Her husband was employed by the council's predecessors, who owned the cottage and part of his duties was to be superintendent of the adjacent public swimming pool.

In April 1984 the council served a notice on Mr and Mrs Marley claiming possession and offering alternative accommodation. No details of work were given in the notice.

Section 84(1) of the 1985 Act *provided: "The court shall not make an order for the possession of a dwelling-house let under a secure tenancy except* on one or *more* of the grounds set out *in* Schedule 2."

Ground 10 of Schedule 2 provided: "The landlord intends, within a reasonable time of obtaining possession of the dwelling-house ... (b) to carry out work on that building or on land let together with, and thus treated as part of the dwelling-house, and cannot reasonably do so without obtaining possession of the dwelling-house".

In January 1985, Mr Marley died and Mrs Marley remained in occupation. After a period of grace the council continued with the possession proceedings.

Mr Brock conceded that the relevant point in time for the court to consider the "intention" for the purposes of ground 10 was the date of the hearing.

As there was little or no relevant authority on the application of the relevant provisions of the 1985 Act, both counsel placed authorities before the court relating to the equivalent provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, namely section 30(1)(f).

The following propositions emerged from those authorities. In the case of a local authority or other corporation, a resolution passed by the body was not essential, for its intention could be established by relevant evidence: see *Poppet's (Caterers) Ltd v Maidenhead Borough Council* ([1971] 1 WLR 69).

However, the intention had to be clearly defined and settled: see *Cunliffe v Goodman* ([1950] 2 KB 237). Although that case was considering the meaning of the word "intention" in the *context of section* 18(1) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927, which was *in terms* not exactly equivalent *to* the words of ground 10 but, in his Lordship's *judgment*, they provided an *appropriate test* in the different *context*. That case was referred *to in Betty's Cafe Ltd v Phillips Furnishing Stores Ltd* ([1959] AC 20).

His Lordship had not been able to detect in any of the minutes which had been placed before the court any reference to work required upon the cottage. In his Lordship's judgment the evidence fell far short of the settled intention necessary to satisfy the test outlined by Lord Justice Asquith in *Cunliffe* and adopted in *Betty's Cafe*.

However, even if the evidence before the judge was capable of supporting such an intention the council had also to establish that the work could not reasonably be done without obtaining possession of the cottage. In his Lordship's judgment there was no evidence to support that. On those grounds the appeal should be allowed.

Mr Justice Hollings delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hextall Erskine & Co for David Gray & Co, Newcastle upon Tyne; Frank A. Hellawell & Co, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

Locum's expenses liable to tax

Bhadra v Ellam (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment November 25]

A self-employed doctor's earnings from locum work done in NHS hospitals were taxable under Schedule E by virtue of the provisions relating to "workers supplied by agencies" contained in section 38(1) of the Finance (No 2) Act 1975. It followed that any expenses had to qualify under the provisions of section 189 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 before being allowed as deductions against those earnings.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by Dr Tushar Bhadra from a decision of Chelmsford general commissioners against a Schedule E assessment made on him for 1983-84 in an amount of £20,446.

The taxpayer in person; Mr Alan Moses for the Revenue.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that four matters had to be established before the taxpayer's earnings could be required to be treated as emoluments of employment assessable under Schedule E by virtue of section 38(1) of the 1975 Act.

1 In filling *locum* posts in hospitals was the taxpayer rendering personal services? As to that, the taxpayer had not suggested the contrary.

2 In so doing was he subject to "supervision, direction or control"? Here the taxpayer argued that as a matter of law that could not be so because he was solely responsible for the duties that he carried out and had personally to effect insurance against his own professional negligence.

But issues regarding negligence had nothing to do with the issue of "control". The commissioners' conclusion that the relevant health authorities had the requisite right to control the manner in which the taxpayer carried out his duties which was implicit in the fact that he held particular posts *in locum tenens* was one to which they were entitled to come.

3 and 4 Was the taxpayer "supplied" to hospitals through an agency and did he render his services under the terms of a contract between himself and the agency? On the facts found the commissioners could only conclude that both those questions were to be answered in the affirmative.

The taxpayer's claim to deduct expenses, including travelling expenses, had to be considered under the Schedule E rules. The commissioners found as a fact that the taxpayer's place of employment, for the purposes of section 38(1), was the hospital where, for the time being, he was working and that his home was not a place of employment.

That being so they were entitled to conclude that his travelling expenses did not qualify for relief under section 189 of the 1970 Act. The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Chancery Division

Decor is not plant for tax

Wimpy International Ltd v Warland (Inspector of Taxes) Associated Restaurants Ltd v Same

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

Judgment November 23]

Items of internal decoration installed in fast-food restaurants were not "plant" and the expenditure on them did not qualify *for capital allowances under the provisions of* section 41(1) of the Finance Act 1971.

Mr Justice Hoffmann so found in the Chancery Division when upholding determinations of the special commissioners (except in relation to certain light fittings) that the taxpayer companies, Wimpy International Ltd and Associated Restaurants Ltd, were not entitled to the relief in respect of such expenditure.

The companies operated in the fast-food catering business, running or franchising Wimpy and Pizzaland restaurants throughout the United Kingdom. A major programme for the improvement and change of style of the restaurants was embarked upon in 1976 designed to meet the changing taste of the public and to keep up with sompetitors, included McDonalds. The disputed expenditure related in the main to plate-glass shop fronts, floor and wall tiles, electrical lighting, suspended ceilings and raised floors.

The commissioners disallowed the companies' capital allowances' claims in respect of those items holding that they contributed only to the "setting or premises" in which the trades were carried on.

Mr Graham Aaronson, QC, for the companies; Mr Alan Moses for the Revenue.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that the issue was whether the disputed expenditure qualified for capital allowances as being expenditure on "plant" used for the purposes of the companies' trades.

The boundaries of the concept of *what* was "plant" had been *mapped out in a long* series of cases. *It* was not necessary to *carry out a survey* of them when *the House of Lords* had considered the *matter* twice in the past five years.

The celebrated cartographer was Lord Justice Lindley who in *Yarmouth v France* ((1887) 19 QBD 647) defined "plant" as including "whatever apparatus is used by a businessman for carrying on his business — not his stock in trade ... but all goods and chattels, fixed or moveable, live or dead, which he keeps for permanent employment in his business".

The premises or place in which the business was carried on was thus *excluded* from the definition. Indeed the cases showed that *no* matter how *purpose-built* the trader's premises were they were not "plant" if they were the premises or place in which the business was carried on.

The instant cases were about the application of the *premises* test in relation to *expenditure* on *improvements* to restaurants so as to make them more attractive to customers. In that respect it was unlike *Inland Revenue Commissioners v Scottish & Newcastle Breweries Ltd* ([1982] 1 WLR 322) which was mainly about the application of the "business use" test to *items* that were plainly not part of the premises, namely detachable wall tapestries, *murals, pictures* and sculptures *installed in hotels* to please customers and promote trade.

Mr Aaronson argued that the items here in dispute were installed to improve the ambience and to attract customers and that their function was the same as those items found to be "plant" in the *Scottish & Newcastle* case. Therefore, he said, they too were "plant".

That conclusion was fallacious. It assumed that a business use test was the sole criterion in deciding what was "plant" and it ignored the premises test altogether.

Adopting Lord Lowry's words in *Scottish & Newcastle* at p332, the question was whether *it* would be *more appropriate to describe the items as becoming part of the premises, instead of merely embellishing them* while *retaining a separate identity. That was essentially a matter of* fact and degree.

Except in regard to electric light fittings, the commissioners were correct in accepting the Crown's contention that the expenditure on the items was expenditure on the premises in which the companies' trades were conducted and thus did not qualify for relief. *Considering* the commissioners' *findings* that the light fittings were especially installed *to create an atmosphere of "brightness and efficiency" in* the restaurants, the conclusion was that those lights were "plant".

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European Law Report

Luxembourg

Acquisition of interest in competitor can distort market

British-American Tobacco Company Ltd and R. J. Reynolds Industries Inc v Commission of the European Communities (supported by Philip Morris Inc and Rembrandt Group Ltd, Interveners)

(Joined Cases 142 and 156/84)

Before O. Due, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann and C. N. Kakouris

Advocate General G. F. Mancini

(Opinion march 17, 1987)

[*Judgment* November 17]

The acquisition by one company of an equity interest *in* a competitor was capable of influencing the commercial conduct of the companies in question so as to restrict or distort competition on the market in which they carried on business, where the investing company obtained control of the commercial conduct of the other company or where the agreement might lead to commercial co-operation between the companies.

Under agreements concluded between the interveners in 1981 Philip Morris purchased from Rembrandt a 50 per cent holding in Rothmans Tobacco (Holdings) *Ltd which was a wholly* owned subsidiary of Rembrandt and had a controlling interest in Rothmans International plc.

Those agreements also granted each party a right of first refusal in the *event of the disposal by the other* party of its holding in the capital of *Rothmans Holdings* and the *right to appoint* an equal number *of members* to the board of directors of Rothmans Holdings. They also provided that information of a competitive nature concerning Rothmans International's affairs could not be made available to Philip Morris.

Following complaints lodged by the applicants, among others, the Commission issued a statement *of objections* to Philip Morris and Rembrandt to the effect that the 1981 agreements infringed both articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty.

In 1984, after negotiations with the Commission, Philip Morris and Rembrandt replaced the 1981 agreements with new agreements which were intended to remove the cause for the Commission's objections.

Under the 1984 agreements, Philip Morris abandoned its shareholding in Rothmans Holdings in exchange for a direct shareholding in Rothmans International. The new agreements also contained conditions relating to any eventual disposal of each party's shareholding including a right of first refusal.

The 1984 agreements were accompanied by a number of undertakings given by the parties to the Commission which were intended, in particular, to ensure that Philip Morris was not represented in the management of Rothmans International and that information concerning the Rothmans International group which might influence the behaviour of the Philip Morris group within the Community was not made available to Philip Morris.

Furthermore, Philip Morris undertook to inform the Commission of any amendment to the agreements, any increase in its shareholding in Rothmans International or any circumstances in which its share of the voting rights in the latter might be increased.

The applicants sought a declaration that the Commission's decision, rejecting their applications pursuant to article 3(2) of regulation No 17 of the Council of February 6, 1962 (OJ English Special Edition 1959-1962, p87) declaring that the 1984 agreements did not infringe articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty, was void.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

The applicants' submissions concerned the administrative procedure, the Commission's assessment of the agreements and the statement of the reasons for its decisions.

Administrative procedure

The applicants argued in *particular* that in their capacity as persons having submitted applications under article 3(2) of regulation No 17 they were not sufficiently involved in the Commission's investigation of the agreements in question. They considered that the Commission had been guilty of procedural irregularities amounting to a breach of their right to a fair hearing as defined in the case law of the Court.

The cases relied upon by the applicants concerned the right to a fair hearing of companies in respect of which the Commission carried out an investigation. Such an investigation, however, did not constitute adversary proceedings between *the companies concerned*, it was a procedure *commenced* by the *Commission, upon its own initiative or upon application*, in *fulfilment of its duty to ensure* that the rules on competition were observed.

It followed that companies which were the object of an investigation and *companies* which had submitted an application under article 3 of regulation 17, were not in the same procedural situation and *the latter* could not invoke the right to a fair hearing as defined in the cases relied on.

Although *the complainants* were to be given the opportunity *to* defend their legitimate interests in the course of the administrative proceedings, *their procedural* rights were not as *far-reaching* as the right to a fair hearing *of* the companies which were the object of the Commission's investigation. In any event, the limits of such rights were reached where they began to interfere with those companies' right to a fair hearing.

In Case 53/85 Akzo Chemie BV and Another v Commission (The Times July 7, 1986) the Court had held that the *obligation of professional secrecy* laid down in article 214 of the Treaty and article 20(2) of regulation 17 was mitigated in regard to the complainants, and that the Commission might communicate to them certain information covered by the obligation of professional secrecy in so far as it was necessary to do so for the proper conduct of the investigation.

The Court had emphasized in that judgment, however, that a complainant might not in any circumstances be provided with documents containing business secrets, and the applicants in the present case had not demonstrated that the Commission had failed to provide *them with* documents which *it could* make available to them without disclosing such secrets.

The administrative procedure provided, among other things, an opportunity for *the companies concerned to bring* the *agreements* or *practices* complained of into *conformity* with the rules *laid down in* the *Treaty*. For that possibility to be a real one the companies and the Commission had to be entitled *to enter into confidential* negotiations in order to determine what alterations would remove the cause for the Commission's objections.

Such a right would be imperilled if the complainants were *to* attend the negotiations or to be kept *informed* of the progress made *in order to submit* their *observations on the proposals put forward* by one party or the other. *The legitimate interests of the complainants* were fully *protected* where they were *informed* of the outcome of the negotiations in the light of which the Commission proposed to close the proceedings, as had happened in the present case.

The applicants further asserted that during the *negotiations between Philip Morris* and the *Commission*, pressure had been placed on the Commission, in particular by one of its *former* members. It was sufficient to point out in that regard that the applicants had presented no evidence in support of that assertion.

The Commission's assessment

The main issue in these cases was whether and in what circumstances the acquisition of a minority shareholding in a competing company might constitute an infringement of articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty. Since the acquisition of shares in Rothmans International was the subject matter of agreements entered into by companies which had remained *independent* after the entry into force of those agreements, the issue *had first to be examined* from the *point of view of article 85*.

Article 85

The applicants argued in substance that where a company acquired a substantial shareholding, albeit a minority one, in a competing company *it* had to be presumed that there would be a restrictive *effect* on competition. They *asserted* that *the transaction in question* not only had the effect of restricting competition *but* was *intended* to *do so*.

The applicants also submitted that the *anti-competitive effect and intention of the agreements* at issue were reinforced by the clauses providing for a right of first refusal in the event that one of the parties should wish to dispose of its shareholding in Rothmans International. Finally, they argued that the undertakings required by the Commission were in no way sufficient to rid the agreements of their anti-competitive nature.

Although the acquisition by one company of an equity interest in a competitor did not of itself constitute conduct restricting competition, such an acquisition might nevertheless serve as an instrument for influencing the commercial conduct of the companies in question so as to restrict or distort competition on the market on which they carried on business.

That would be true in particular, where, by the acquisition of a shareholding or through subsidiary clauses in the agreement, the investing company obtained legal or *de facto* control of the commercial conduct of the other company or where the agreement provided for commercial co-operation between the companies or created a *structure* likely to be used for such co-operation.

That might *also* be *the case* where the agreement *gave* the investing company the possibility of reinforcing its position at a later stage and *taking effective control of the other company*. Account had also to be taken, not only of the immediate *effects of* the agreement, but also of its potential effects and of the possibility that the agreement might be part of a long-term plan.

Finally, every agreement was to be assessed in its economic context and, where the companies concerned were multinational corporations, it was necessary, in particular, to consider the possibility that the agreement in question might be part of a policy of global co-operation between the companies which were party to it.

In a market which, like the Community market for cigarettes, was stagnant and oligopolistic any company which wished to increase its market share would be strongly tempted, where the opportunity arose, *to take control of a competitor*. *In such circumstances*, any attempt to take over and any *agreement likely to promote commercial co-operation* between two or more of the dominant companies was liable to result in restriction of competition.

In such a market the Commission had to display particular vigilance. It had to consider, in particular, whether an agreement which at first sight provided only for a passive investment in a competitor was not in fact intended to result in a takeover of that company, perhaps at a later stage, or to establish co-operation between the companies with a view to sharing the market.

Nevertheless, in order for the Commission to hold that an infringement of article 85 had been committed, it had to be able to show that an agreement had the object or the effect of influencing the competitive behaviour of the companies on the relevant market.

The 1984 agreements and the undertakings given by Philip Morris and Rembrandt to the Commission prevented Philip Morris from having any representative on the board of directors or any other management body of Rothmans International and limited its shareholding to less than 25 per cent of the voting rights.

Furthermore, the 1984 agreements did not contain any provisions regarding commercial co-operation between Philip Morris and Rothmans International and the companies had undertaken not to exchange information which might influence their competitive behaviour.

The 1984 agreements, supplemented by the undertakings given to the Commission, were therefore not sufficient to support the conclusion that the agreements had the object or effect of allowing one of the companies *to influence* the commercial behaviour of the other.

There was nothing in the evidence before the court to invalidate the Commission's assessment that the acquisition *by Philip Morris of a minority* shareholding *in* Rothmans *International* did not in itself result in any change in the competitive position on the Community cigarette market. Nor were there sufficient grounds for the conclusion that Philip Morris and Rothmans International co-operated outside the Community market in such a way as to affect their relationship on that market.

Although the background to the agreements at issue showed that Philip Morris contemplated a transaction that went much further than a passive investment, the provisions of those agreements referring to the purely hypothetical situation of the possible sale of shares in Rothmans International by one or the other party did not permit the conclusion that the acquisition of a minority shareholding was the first stage of a plan intended to give it control of Rothmans International.

It had, however, to be considered whether those provisions gave rise to immediate anti-competitive effects and whether the Commission also took sufficient account of their potential effects.

There was nothing in the evidence to lead the court to disagree with the Commission's assessment that the provisions of the 1984 agreements would have no present influence on the competitive behaviour of the parties. The fact that the provisions in question created obstacles to the purchase of an interest in Rothmans International by a third company could not be regarded as a present restriction of competition in the market for cigarettes contrary to article 85.

As the interveners had submitted, provisions of that kind might be justified by the legitimate interest of the contracting parties in protecting their substantial investment. Second, in the circumstances of this case, the fact that Philip Morris, *without itself gaining* control of Rothmans International, was now *in a position to prevent any other competing company from* gaining such control could not in itself amount to a restriction of competition.

With regard to the potential effects of the *provisions in question*, it was clear that the *Commission* had taken measures intended to prevent any such effects contrary to article 85 of the Treaty. By means of the undertakings entered into by Philip Morris and Rembrandt the Commission had reinforced its general powers of surveillance and control in such a manner as to prevent the provisions of the agreements concerning the subsequent disposal of the parties' shares in Rothmans International from having effects contrary to article 85.

It followed from those considerations that examination of the applicants' complaints regarding the appraisal of the agreements at issue had not shown that the Commission was wrong to hold that no anti-competitive object or effect had been established.

Article 86

An abuse of a dominant position could only arise where the shareholding in question resulted in effective control of the other company or at least in some influence on its commercial policy. It was apparent from the discussion relating to article 85 above that it had not been established that the 1984 agreements had any such effect.

Reasons for the decisions

The applicants had argued that the decisions at issue were invalid because the Commission had not stated precisely how it had arrived at its conclusion. They added that the Commission had a particular obligation to give a full and complete account of its reasoning since, in the contested decisions, it had altered its previous position on the 1981 agreements as set out in the statement of objections.

As the Court had consistently held, the extent of the duty to provide a statement of reasons prescribed in article 190 of the Treaty depended on the nature of the measure in question and on the circumstances in which it was adopted. The Court had also stated that article 190 did not require the Commission to discuss all the matters of fact and of law which might have been dealt with during the administrative proceedings.

In the case of a measure rejecting an application pursuant to article 3 of regulation 17, such as the present case, it was sufficient that the Commission should indicate the circumstances and the legal considerations on the basis of which it found it impossible to hold that the 1984 agreements constituted an infringement of the competition rules. Viewed in that light, the statement of the reasons for the contested decisions could not be regarded as insufficient.

On those grounds, the Court (Sixth Chamber):

1 Dismissed the applications

2 Ordered the applicants jointly and severally to pay the costs, including the costs of the interveners.

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RUGBY UNION: HOW A TEAM THAT IS NOT INHIBITED BY THE LEAGUE GAME ACHIEVED ITS CROWNING GLORY

Melville serves notice to England

By Peter Dixon

Wasps 17
Nottingham 9

While Nigel Melville may have convinced himself that his chance of playing for England this season went as soon as the North dropped him from their divisional championship squad, the selectors would have taken more than a passing interest in his return to first-team action for Wasps on Saturday.

Melville, displaying all the guile and skills which won him nine England caps at scrum half, all of them as captain, gave a performance designed to make the watching selectors — among them Geoff Cooke, the team manager — sit up and take notice.

Back to fitness in a career blighted by injury, Melville proved he has lost nothing in his absence from the game. His passing, assured kicking and speed of thought are all intact. There will always be fears for those knees of his but, from an England standpoint, if he stays clear of injury the prospect of a *return to the national* squad is a fine one. If not this season, then possibly next.

It was Melville who helped set up Wasps' first try in what turned out to be a disappointing match, spoilt to some extent by *niggle among forwards* frustrated by what they regarded as poor refereeing.

Pouncing on a *loose ball from* a short lineout, the scrum half sped down the line before *chipping ahead*, collecting and passing inside for a *team-mate* to drive for the line. As the ball came back, Melville sent out a long pass and Bailey, on the overlap, ran in almost unopposed.

With an Andrew penalty for Wasps and Hodgkinson landing one for Nottingham, the home side turned around 7-3 in the lead, but increased it almost immediately after the restart following Simms's breakout from *deep inside* his own half. With Pegler in support, the England centre fed the ball to his captain, *who stretched his legs* to run in a fine, yet unconverted, try.

Wasps went further ahead through a Richardson penalty, gave away a penalty try, then put victory beyond doubt as Richardson added his second penalty in injury time after Rees had followed through late, flattening Andrew

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Bailey, Pegler. Penalties: Andrew, Richardson (2). Nottingham: Penalty try. Conversion: Hodgkinson. Penalty: Hodgkinson.
WASPS: D Richardson; R Pellow, K Simms, R Lozowski, M Bailey; R Andrew, N Melville; P Rendall, K Bartholomew, J Probyn, M Rigby, S O'Leary, J Bonner, J Ellison, D Pegler.
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Referee: A Reay (Bristol).

Leicester's lesson in doing right thing at right time

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Moseley 3
Leicester......................... 21

The scoreline does Moseley's forwards no favours at all: for threequarters of this match at the Reddings on Saturday they dominated possession and, at 6-3 down, were well in contention. *Then they found, as have* others before them, that Leicester's all-round fitness and greater *savoir-faire* — the ability to do the right thing at the right time — swept them *away with 15 points coming in* the final 11 minutes.

Leicester's win, by two goals and three penalty goals to a penalty, carries them triumphantly to the top of the Courage Clubs Championship with six wins out of six, passing in the process their neighbours, Nottingham, who had led since the first week of September.

That they should be the leaders with comparatively limited resources is a commentary both on the opposition and their own organization, which makes them difficult to score against. They are also one of few sides in the top two divisions who are not inhibited by *league* rugby.

They play *the* game to which they have become accustomed, which means using all their players; Moseley would have done well to imitate them but, unfortunately, they found great difficulty in moving the ball wide and thereby using the strength and speed of Goodwin coming into the line from full back. Since Goodwin also had an off day with his place-kicking — one success out of five — it was not an afternoon for him to enjoy.

Interestingly, Cusworth was not at the height of his powers. His line-kicking lacked its *usual accuracy and, midway* through the second half when Hare and he indulged in some flat passing on their own 22, which left Evans well and truly in the mire, it gave *Moseley a five-metre scrum* from which they must have hoped to score.

That they did not is a tribute to the Leicester pack, who held the initial surge and, at the second scrum, drove Moseley back 10 metres. When they then won a penalty Hare drilled Moseley back 60 metres with a magnificent kick and it was all downhill for *Leicester — literally, since they* had turned round 6-3 up with the advantage of the slope to come.

A few players also made *points to the watching Mid*land divisional selectors. Tuckwood, the Moseley lock, ruled the lineout (in the *second half Leicester* won only one ball from that phase). If Wells, who limped off with a damaged ankle in the second half, is not fit for the divisional championship, then Masters is worth consideration. Both Leicester centres, notably Buttimore, played well and Roberts, the hooker, was not only a tremendous worker and forager, he ran well with the ball.

Goodwin kicked the first points of the game when Richards was given offside. Indeed, the England No. 8 conceded Leicester's first three penalties and drew a lecture from Colin Little, so it was pleasing to see both men evidently enjoying themselves later on, with the referee having a creditable game, blessed as he was with two teams who wanted to play football.

Hare retrieved the lead but Leicester had their usual enigmatic third quarter before Moseley offended at a lineout and Hare kicked his third goal. *After Hare and Roberts had* helped pilot the ball into the left-hand corner, Richards scored from a five-metre scrum and, in injury time, Leicester achieved their *crowning glory. They stole* Moseley's lineout possession and Underwood, who had been somewhat anonymous, broke two tackles around halfway before sending Evans sprinting in from 40 metres.

SCORERS: Moseley: Penalty: Goodwin. Leicester: Tries: Richards, Evans. Conversions: Hare (2). Penalties: Hare (3).
MOSELEY: J Goodwin; A Parsons, J Desborough, C Allen, A James; Gareth Smith, S Robson; M Linnett, G Cox, Graham Smith, S Masters, R Denhardt, R Tuckwood, R Barr, P Shillingford.
LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, I Bates, T Buttimore, R Underwood; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, H Roberts, W Richardson, J Wells (rep: I Smith), P Mann, T Smith, P Thornley, D Richards.
Referee: C Little (London).

Aberavon are striking back

By Gerald Davies

Aberavon 12
Pontypool........................ 21

"Enjoying the match?" queried the loud voice on the terraces. It was more in the rhetorical style, an expression of its own exasperation. Others around it were in accord. "No", came the reply.

It was 3-3 at the time. A penalty each from Ring and Lewis was all there was to show for over 20 minutes. For every kick, of which there were many, there followed a lineout, which inevitably turned to a scrum. Things did improve but not by much and Pontypool went on to win by three tries and three penalties to Mike Lewis's three penalties and a dropped goal.

Aberavon have won half of their season's matches but have been in the news for two reasons. First, they have adopted the team management idea and appointed John Richardson, the former Welsh prop, to be manager which, one detects, will soon spread through other clubs like a disease.

Second, there was the departure of Ray Giles, the scrum *half*, after spending *his* whole career with the club. Aberavon want a change of style and Giles, it would appear, was not part of those plans. This new philosophy is laudable provided that it is given a fair crack of the whip.

In the end, Aberavon put up a creditable performance against Wales's foremost team. If they looked to be struggling in the scrum in the first half, they put things right by the second and more than held their own.

Anthony Jones, brother of Robert, the Welsh scrum half, and Lewis also had good games but you wondered where else Aberavon were capable of striking. They need a couple of stronger or swifter threequarters.

Ring and Lewis added a penalty each again in the second 20 minutes before the visitors scored their first try.

Glasson scored soon after the interval when, from a scrum, *Ring kicked* high to the corner and the winger won the race for the touchdown. Lewis reduced the arrears with a dropped goal and a penalty kick before he went off with a suspected broken bone in his hand.

SCORERS: Aberavon: Penalties: M Lewis (3). Dropped goal: M Lewis. Pontypool: Tries: K Orrell, R Bidgood, A Glasson. Penalties: M Ring (3).
ABERAVON: S Jones: Andrew Jones, J Jardine (rep: G Thomas), G Matthews, G Wilkins; M Lewis (rep: P Morgan), A Jones; P Knight, B James, G Richardson, C O'Callaghan, N Spender, M Watts, G Williams, J O'Callaghan.
PONTYPOOL: P Rees: A Glasson, R Bidgood, K Orrell (rep: C Spowart), S Hanson; M Ring, D Bishop; Staff Jones, S Jones, J Williams, C Huish, R Goodey, F Jacas, M Brown, A Carter.
Referee: W D Bevan (Clydach).

Ulster keep trophy by virtue of more tries

By George Ace

Munster forced a tie with **Ulster** in the Irish Provincial Championship when they defeated **Connacht** in Galway yesterday *by two tries and three penalties* to two goals on a glorious, sun-splashed afternoon. But Ulster, the reigning champions, claimed the Heineken Bowl, which in the event of a tie goes to the team scoring most tries.

Munster's 17-12 win was fashioned by their powerful pack, which subjected the Connacht eight to continuous pressure. The opening score came after only 10 minutes when, from a five-metre scrum, the Connacht pack crumbled to leave Bradley with the simple task of touching down. Kiernan then kicked three penalties to leave Munster 13 points up at the break.

Fitzgibbon scored a second-half try for Connacht following a line-out close to the Munster line, and Moran added the points with a splendid kick. Munster replied with a fine try by Clohessy after a sweeping handling movement, Kiernan failing to convert from wide out, and the scoring was completed by *McCarthy*, who forced his way over for a try for Connacht, which Moran converted, almost on the no-side whistle.

At Lansdowne Road on Saturday, a depleted **Leinster** never *really challenged Ulster. Their* problems were compounded when Ward hobbled off with a thigh strain at the start of the second half. Ulster won by two goals, a try and two penalties to two penalties and a dropped goal.

The game provided two talking points: a penalty try awarded to Ulster in the first minute for a deliberate knock-on, and their glorious try midway through the *opening half*.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ulster	3	2	1	0	52	22	5
Munster	3	2	1	0	37	25	5
Leinster	3	1	0	2	32	51	2
Connacht	3	0	0	3	34	57	0

Durham find the going is a bit of a grind

By Michael Stevenson

Lancashire........................ 23
Durham 9

Lancashire's match plan *for* their crucial Toshiba county championship game against Durham at Fylde on Saturday was that the ball should be run at every available opportunity. Such noble aspirations evaporated, however, and they ground their way grimly to victory and a place in the semi-finals by two goals, two tries and a penalty to a dropped goal and two penalties.

Durham's rubbery scrum half, Havery, had a fine match and the capable Carling showed to much greater advantage than he had done in Yorkshire against Otley. Durham led, downwind, for the first 35 minutes

However, the laboured efforts of Lancashire eventually began to produce results in the shape of a penalty try when Durham took down a scrum at the fourth successive pushover situation. Ainscough converted and Lancashire led 10-9 at half time.

He added an early second-half penalty and the score remained *13-9 virtually until injury time* when Williams darted over for Ainscough to convert. Ainscough himself added a further try deep in injury time.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries: P Williams, G Williams, Ainscough and penalty try. Conversions: Ainscough (2). Penalty: Ainscough. Durham: Dropped goal: Stabler. Penalties: Bland (2).
LANCASHIRE: A Higgin (Vale of Lune), N Heslop (Waterloo), B Wellens (Liverpool St Helens), G Ainscough (Orrell), M Preson (Fylde); P Williams (Orrell), G Williams (Pwllheli); C King (Liverpool St Helens), N Hitchen (Orrell), D Southern (Orrell), D Cleary (Orrell), W Dooley (Fylde), R Kimmins (Orrell), S Gallagher (Waterloo), D Cusani (Orrell).
DURHAM: J Bland (Durham City); R Nelson-Williams (Durham City), A Furley, W Carling (Durham University), D Cook (Middlesborough), J Stabler (West Hartlepool), S Havery (Gateshead Fell); G Naisbitt (Stockton), M Fenwick (Durham City), M Horrocks-Taylor (Durham University), A Harle (rep: W Mordue, Ryton), J Howe (Sales), S Black (West Hartlepool), K Robinson (Hartlepool Rovers), B Dixon (Stockton).
Referee: D L Thomas (N Midlands Society).

Running in, please do not pass: Leicester in the driving seat motoring to victory at Moseley

Hard day's night for Cambridge

By Gordon Allan

Cambridge University ... 0
Harlequins 28

(abandoned after 59 minutes)

The fog came and went and came again, causing this match at Grange Road to be abandoned at the end of the third quarter. Harlequins scored four goals and a try but Cambridge University, in their final appearance before Twickenham, survived the ordeal unscarred, except for Clough, who bruised a knee in the first half and left the field as a precaution.

He will be fit for the day of days, as *will Oti, Hall,* and Sutton, although Oti has reservations about his hamstring. To complete the medical report, Harlequins lost Salmon, who pulled a thigh muscle.

Salmon went off just *after* half-time, unseen by anybody on the stand side of the ground. Many were drifting towards the exits by then, having omitted to bring radar. They saw about 20 minutes of rugby with any clarity, enough to *know* that Cambridge were not getting much change out of Harlequins.

Visibility was fair at the start, then the fog rolled in. Harlequins were 22 points up at the *interval with tries by Skinner* from a tap penalty, Davies from a break by Smith, Williams from a break by Moon and Thresher. No sooner had Thresher scored another try, and kicked his fourth conversion, than the referee and captains agreed to call it a day — or rather, given the circumstances, night.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Skinner, Davies, Williams, Thresher (2). Conversions: Thresher (4).
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P Beard (Berkhamsted and St John's); *M thomas (Gowerton and Magdalene), A Payne (Dwr-y-Felin CS and Magdalene), *F Clough (John Rigby and Magdalene) Rep. N Hampson (King's Macclesfield and St John's); M Risman (Wellington College and Emmanuel), D Shufflebotham (Neath Terpiary and Magdalene); M Hancock (Heversham and Hughes Hall), *N Herrod (King Henry VIII Coventry and Clare), *B Gilchrist (Sevenoaks and Magdalene), J Freeman (Warwick and St John's), *S Kelly (Richard Hush and Corpus Christi), *A Hobbs (Worth and Magdalene), *N Topping (RGS, High Wycombe and St John's), *R Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene), C Vyvyan (Elmside and Wolsham).
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; J Eagles, J Salmon (rep S Cooke), C Smith, E Davies; A Thompson, R Moon; M Hobley, J Olver, A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards, P Ackford, D Williams, J Pike.
Referee: M Edwards (Warwickshire).
* denotes a Blue.

Principals miss final rehearsal

By Bryan Stiles

Oxford University 7
London Scottish 13

These are anxious times in the cloisters. There are those who have been observed to pause in their discussion of Keats, Shelley, or, more prosaically, Gorbachov and Shevardnadze, and turn instead to the forces and stratagems that should be employed to eliminate the threat posed by an age-old adversary next week.

A lot rests on how the captain in charge of the chosen can marshal his forces on the day. Not an easy task when you have not been able to put your strongest combination into the field once during an autumn campaign which should have provided so much ammunition.

Bill Calcraft, the man who leads Oxford's challenge against Cambridge University at Twickenham a week tomorrow, could be forgiven a frown or two as he paced the touchline at Iffley Road on Saturday. He had seen his team attack with vigour, *enterprise and style* to score twice in the first half hour to take a 7-0 lead, and then gradually lose their grip and go down by one try and a dropped goal to one try and three penalty goals.

Injuries to almost all his players have seriouosly hampered Calcraft's preparations. He himself has been carrying a shoulder injury for most of the season and decided he had to rest it for this final outing before the joust with Cambridge.

He would have acknowledged that had his team been enhanced by the services of absentees like Kirk, Mullin, Johnson, Egerton, Duthie and himself — who should all be at Twickenham — then the Scots might not have got away with it.

He must have been pleased though with the performances of a number of his men, particularly that of Brown, who tackled and linked well at centre. The exciting charges of the prop, Ubogu, as he tossed aside heavyweight tacklers and swept *upfield for* 20 yards or more at a time, must have removed a few of the worry lines from Calcraft's brow, too.

After Morgan had collected a dropped goal from 45 metres and McBain a try from five, Chesworth hit back for the Scots with two penalties. Buchanan put the visitors into the lead after 55 minutes with a try and then Russell sealed matters with a penalty.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Try: McBain. Dropped goal: Morgan. London Scottish: Try: Buchanan. Penalties: Chesworth (2), Russell.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: D Cook (Brecon and Christchurch); *S Veasey (Magdalen School and Queens), M Brown (Western Province and Worcester), D Polkinghorn (Kearsney, Durban and Pembroke, rep: E Egan, Stoneyhurst, and Jesus), A Furnival (Millfield and Christ Church); J Morgan (Aberdare GS and Jesus), G O'Brien (St John's College, Hamilton, and New); V Ubogu (West Buckland and St Annes), *J Chislett (Plymouth College and Keble), N Peacock (Nunthorpe GS and St Edmund Hall), A Rolfe (St Andrew's, Grahamstown, and St Edmund's Hall), *C Crane (West Monmouth GS and St Edmund Hall), W Campbell (University of Queensland and St Catherine's), A Cameron (Sydney University and University), N McBain (Ampleforth and St Annes).
LONDON SCOTTISH: C Russell; J Hume, G Gordon, A McEwan; J Beazley; N Chesworth, S Glen; N Weir, I Kirk, T Borthwick, S Urquhart, A Rhodes, D Tosh, D Buchanan, C Richardson.
Referee: A MacGregor (Yorkshire).
* denotes a Blue.

Rugby player riddle

by Chris Thau

Victor Avram, one of the two Romanian players to have defected to France a fortnight ago, vanished from his Agen hotel last week. It is believed that the reserve hooker, aged 21, had decided to return to Romania after failing to come to terms with his newly acquired status of political refugee.

Avram, who asked for asylum after Romania's defeat by France, was last seen in his hotel last Thursday evening. Until the previous day he had stayed with the Romanian interpreter, Andrei Cimpeanu.

According to Cimpeanu, Avram — who did not speak any French — grew increasingly disenchanted with his life in Agen.

"He made about 30 phone calls back to Romania talking to his parents, girlfriend and coach," Cimpeanu said. "He kept saying: 'What will they do to me if I go back?'." Avram moved to the Hotel de la Poste the following day. According to unconfirmed accounts, he was visited by two men the night he disappeared.

GOLF

Norman in forefront as players walk out

Melbourne (Reuter) — Greg Norman, leader in the Australian Open championship, led the players off the Royal Melbourne course in protest at conditions yesterday, then criticized the organizers' decision to reschedule the final round for today. "I don't think a tournament like this should go into a fifth day," Norman said. "I have commitments for Monday and things like that have all to be taken into consideration."

Norman, the runaway leader at 14 under par after 54 holes, said he agreed with the match committee's decision to call off play but was against having to replay the final *round. Players* walked off in protest at conditions on the 304-metre, par-four third hole, which was turned into a golfing disaster by 40-knot winds, an extra fast green and a bad pin placement.

The players said the pin had been put on an up-slope in the centre of the green where it was vulnerable to the winds, even though it had been charted two metres away.

"The guys out there were being humiliated and the rules were being abused," Norman added after taking one and a half hours to negotiate two holes. Queues of up to 21 players built up at the third hole as players took five or six putts on the difficult surface.

Ronan Rafferty, of Northern Ireland, refused to complete the third hole after watching Russell Swanson, of Australia, take eight *putts on the split-level* green. A move to boycott the final round was only defeated after a heated meeting of players, but the decision to abandon play also led to angry scenes among spectators.

One man argued with Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, who had attempted to demonstrate the difficulties of putting on the third green to the tense crowd. Lyle returned to the players' room with a police escort.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 202: G Norman, 70, 66, 66. 209: R Wood, 70, 72, 67. 210: J Anderson (Can), 71, 68, 71; T Price, 67, 69, 74. 212: J Clifford, 71, 74, 67; P O'Malley, 70, 69, 73. 213: G Brand jnr (Scot), 71, 72, 70; A Lyle (Scot), 69, 75, 69. 214: G Turner (NZ), 69, 74, 71; R Rafferty (N Ire), 69, 74, 71; W Smith, 69, 68, 77.

Torrance pipped at the post

Kagoshima (Agencies) — David Ishii, of Hawaii, won the 90 *million yen* (£379,310) international tournament by two strokes here yesterday.

The American shot a final-round 67 that included six birdies over the 6,985-yard Ibusuki club course for a 12-under-par 276.

Sam Torrance, of Scotland, had a 70 to place second on 278. Donnie Hammond, of the United States, and Masashi Ozaki and Masahiro Kuramoto, of Japan, shared third place on 279.

Torrance, who led through the third round, had three birdies on the front nine. But his game became shaky on the back *nine. Torrance* scored two over par on the par-four 14th hole before returning one birdie and a one over par on the way to 70 and 278.

The victory moved Ishii to the top of the Japanese money earning list, totalling 81.7 million yen.

LEADING SCORES: (Japanese unless stated): 276: D Ishii (US), 67, 69, 73, 67. 278: S Torrance (GB), 67, 69, 72, 70. 279: M Ozaki, 68, 75, 69, 67; M Kuramoto, 69, 71, 71, 68; D Hammond (US), 68, 71, 70, 70. 280: G Marsh (Aus), 68, 69, 73, 70. 281: S Ballesteros (Sp), 71, 71, 72, 67; N Ozaki, 70, 66, 76, 69. 282: T Nakamura, 70, 68, 73, 71. Other British: 288: H Clark, 71, 72, 73, 72.

Nicklaus finds touch to win

La Quinta, California (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, who had not won a skin in 35 holes dating back to 1985, won three holes and *$70,000 (£38,800) on Saturday* in the first half of the Skins Game.

Fuzzy Zoeller won only one hole but, with carryovers, it was worth $70,000 (£38,8000) and pushed his Skins *Game* earnings to $695,000 (£386,000) in the last three of these made-for-*television* matches. "That damn Nicklaus," Zoeller said. "He played better today than he has all year. He made some putts out there."

Lee Trevino won the only other skin, worth $25,000 (£13,800), with a birdie on the par-five eighth hole.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Freight Rover Trophy Preliminary round
Crewe v Bury

GM Vauxhall Conference
Dagenham v Fisher

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield v Notts County (7.0).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Mossley v Buxton.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Nuneaton v Worcester.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Royston v Carshalton. Second division north: Harlow v Tilbury. Second division south: Ruislip Manor v Southall.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Staines v Hayes; Wealdstone v Yeading.
SOMERSET SENIOR CUP: Third qualifying round: Weston-super-Mare v Yeovil.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester v Bath (7.0).
McEWAN'S SCOTTISH INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: North and Midlands v Anglo Scots (at Dunfermline).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN BASKETBALL: Boston Celtics v Detroit Pistons in the world championship. BBC2: 3 p.m.
LONDON SPORTS PERSONALITY 1987: Sportsmen and women celebrate the *year's* achievements at London's Savoy Hotel. ITV: 10.30 p.m.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: Tennis: Semi-finals of the Women's Virginia Slims tournament from the Brighton centre. Boxing: Action from the Hudson centre, Wisbech. Football: European round-up. ITV: 12.30 a.m. (tomorrow).
THE HORSE IN SPORT: Showjumping: Series on international equestrian sports. C4: 8.30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Holders given a fright by Leicester

By Nicholas Harling

For a few brief minutes at Tolworth on Saturday, Leicester Riders seemed capable of ending the monopoly that Polycell Kingston have had on the Prudential National Cup these past three seasons.

"We ran out of gas," Robert Dixon, their coach, said after his team's gallant 109-91 defeat. "We had to dig down to our shoestrings. For three quarters of the game we did a superb job. We had them more than worried."

It had been from their interval leeway of 49-40 that Leicester had roused themselves, chiefly through Vaughan (26 points) and Young (24) for the recovery that enabled them to pull level at 51-51 within three minutes.

The underdogs were still very much in contention at 83-82 only for their effort to take its toll over the last few minutes as Kingston found the penetration that only Clark (30) had achieved for them with any consistency with his 20 points before half-time.

Over the years Leicester's defensive strategies have invariably confused Kingston and this occasion was no exception. The holders were frustrated for a while.

Bontrager produced the inspiration and the sixth three-pointer among his 34 points that confirmed *Kingston's annual* Albert Hall date on December 14.

BOXING

Future starts to look bleak for Christie

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The career of Errol Christie, once the most exciting boxer in Britain, could be in the balance. After being stopped by José Quiñones, of Puerto Rico, at Blazers Nightclub, Windsor, on Saturday, Christie said: "There is no way I am going back in the ring, not for this side."

Christie's words seemed to imply that he is not too happy with his handling. Having won a record number of titles as an amateur, he is naturally disappointed that he has little to show for his five years as a professional.

Burt McCarthy, Christie's manager, who has done everything possible, including seeking top medical advice, to find out *why Christie is having trouble* taking a punch, said: "We shall see about things after Christmas." But Christie hit back with: "We are always seeing about things after Christmas." Before last Christmas, Christie was stopped by Charlie Boston, a blown-up light-middleweight, and the year before that by Kaylor.

Christie, who had boxed well and had won every round before the knock-down by Quiñones in the fourth, was not pleased to hear that the Puerto Rican was half a stone heavier than him. Quiñones had knocked out Doug DeWit, whom Thomas Hearns *had not been able to* stop, but the Puerto Rican had arrived only on Friday after a 14-hour journey and was not hitting all that hard. The left uppercut that sent Christie to the floor was not a particularly hard blow either.

Even if Christie changes his manager and trainer — Jimmy Tibbs *is his fourth trainer — it is* unlikely he will be able to do anything about his chin in the kind of company that a man of Christie's talents must keep. The experts are saying that he should retire before people with *half his ability start using him* as a stepping-stone.

Sammy Reeson, Britain's European cruiserweight champion, will be challenging Carlos De León for the world title in the spring. After Reeson retained his title by knocking out Luigi Ricci, of Belgium, in the seventh round, Frank Warren, Reeson's manager, said that he had had talks with the Don King organization about *De León and* they were interested in coming to England.

RESULTS: Featherweight (6 rounds): Mohammed Loukil (Tunisia) bt Shane Sylvester (West Bromwich), pts. Welterweight (4rds): Tony Collins (Yateley) bt *Kevin Haydn (Coventry)*, pts. Middleweight (10rds): José Quiñones (US) bt Errol Christie (Coventry), rsf 4th. Middleweight (8rds): Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) bt Dave Heaver (Doncaster), rsf 2nd. Middleweight (6rds): Mark Howells (Nottingham) bt Kesem Clayton (Coventry), pts. European cruiserwight championship (12rds): Sammy Reeson (Battersea, champion) bt Luigi Ricci (Belgium), ko 7th.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Cheshire	27	Northumberland	13
Cornwall	20	Devon	9
Dorset and Wilts	12	Bucks	13
Lancashire	23	Durham	9
Oxfordshire	3	Berkshire	6
Yorkshire	42	Cumbria	14

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division

Moseley	3	Leicester	21

Moseley: Pen: Goodwin. Leicester: Tries: Richards, Evans. Cons: Hare (2). Pens: Hare (3).

Wasps	17	Nottingham	9

Wasps: Tries: Bailey, Pegler. Pens: Andrew, Richardson (2). Nottingham: Try: Penalty try. Con: Hodgkinson. Pen: Hodgkinson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	6	6	0	0	123	63	24
Nottingham	10	4	1	5	138	138	23
Bristol	6	3	1	2	115	67	16
Gloucester	5	3	1	1	92	53	15
Moseley	6	3	0	3	88	84	15
Bath	6	2	1	3	81	88	13
Wasps	4	2	1	1	57	48	11
Coventry	6	1	1	4	70	145	10
Waterloo	2	2	0	0	26	15	8
Orrell	4	1	1	2	54	65	8
Sale	5	0	0	5	37	116	5
Harlequins	2	0	1	1	18	21	3

Third division

Met Police	26	Morley	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Met Police	7	5	0	2	109	82	22
Fylde	6	4	0	2	206	87	18
Sheffield	6	4	0	2	87	89	18
Plymouth	5	4	0	1	156	64	17
W Hartlepool	4	4	0	0	87	31	16
Wakefield	4	3	0	1	118	47	13
Vale of Lune	4	3	0	1	97	53	13
Maidstone	5	1	0	4	41	65	8
Nuneaton	3	1	0	2	31	21	6
Birmingham	6	0	0	6	31	262	6
Exeter	4	0	0	4	41	122	4
Morley	4	0	0	4	33	106	4

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Third round

Tredegar I	18	Whitland	21

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Anglo-Scots	16	South	21
Glasgow	12	Edinburgh	19

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	12	Pontypool	21
Bath	45	Exeter Univ	6
Birkenhead Park	10	Wakefield	45
Birmingham	6	*Weston-s-Mare*	6
Bridgend	11	Newbridge	14
Bristol	38	S Wales Police	0
Cambridge Univ	0	Harlequins	28
(abandoned after 59 min)			
Chester	9	Orrell	43
Coventry	61	Bedford	13
Glamorgan W	7	Cross Keys	10
Gloucester	17	L Irish	3
Gosforth	13	Gala	16
Harrogate	6	Headingley	32
Lpool St H	42	Fylde	6
Llanelli	41	Cardiff	6
London Welsh	18	Newport	25
Lydney	19	Abertillery	36
Maesteg	12	Tredegar	0
Neath	10	Blackheath	6
Northampton	14	Ebbw Vale	12
Northern	3	Otley	10
Oxford Univ	7	L Scottish	13
Penarth	7	Pontypridd	18
Plymouth	9	Richmond	9
Rosslyn Park	6	Waterloo	9
Roundhay	56	Hull & ER	3
Rugby	42	Cheltenham	9
Sale	65	Halifax	10
Saracens	39	Nuneaton	3
Sheffield	8	Durham	3
Swansea	37	S Glamorgan Inst	4
W Hartlepool	31	Kendal	13
W of Scotland	7	Vale of Lune	21

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Askeans 37, Upper Clapton 7; Maidstone 15, Southend 7. Sisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Guildford and Godalming 6, Havant 14; Henley 3, High Wycombe 7. Foster Beard Middlesex Merit Table: Barclays Bank 15, Sudbury Court 16; Grasshoppers 4, Ealing 0; Lensbury 23, Mill Hill 10; Twickenham 8, Hampstead 22. British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: Old Dunstonians 9, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 57; Old Guildfordians 40, Old Wandsworthians 0; Old Haberdashers 21, Old Cranleighans 9; Old Paulines 12, Old Rutlishians 5; Old Shootershillians 0, Old Beccehamians 32; Old Surbitonians 0, Old Reedonians 15; Old Tiffinians 12, Old Alleynians 29. North Hertfordshire Cup: Final: Hitchin 0, Stevenage 15. Club *matches:* Biggleswade 0, Bacavians 0; Bishop's Stortford 38, Harlow 7; Bletchley 3, Hemel Hempstead 20; Bournemouth 0, Dorchester 21; Brentwood 11, Bancroft 12; Brighton 4, Rosslyn Park XXX Club 53; British Airways 6, Bank of England 13; Bury St Edmunds 0, Ipswich 32; Camberley 28, Brothers (Australia) 4; Chichester 29, Sandown 9; Chingford 22, Romford 0; Chipstead 0, Eastbourne 13; Citizens 13, Old Brentwoods 3; Colchester 12, Sudbury 12; Thames Poly 12, Bexley 9; Dartfordians 13, Warlingham 6; *Datchworth* 29, Wasps Nomads 3; East Grinstead 8, Tonbridge 7; Erith 6, Gillingham Anchorians 3; Eton Manor 28, Chelmsford 6; Farnham 13, Phoenix 0; Fullerians 4, Hertford 4; HAC 17, Lloyds Bank 3; Haringey 20, PLA 4; Harpenden 12, Chiltern 0; Harrow 6, Barnet 17; Hendon 14, Saffron Walden 12; Ilford Wanderers 0, Old Westcliffians 23; Leighton Buzzard 21, Cambridge University XV 4; Letchworth 22, Old Albanians 12; Maidenhead 37, Bracknell 0; Maidstone Mustangs 46, Bromley 0; May and Baker 7, Greenwich 12; Medway 15, Dover 4; Midland Bank 10, Old Oravians 7, Mitcham 37, Chobham 0; Northampton Wanderers 18, Norwich 19; Old Abbotstonians 22, Beaconsfield 0; Old Bealonians 20, Old Cooperians 6; Old Blues 45, St Mary's Hospital 3; Old Brentwoods 11, Bancroft 12; Old Colfeians 7, Park House 12; Old Emanuel 54, Nat West Bank 6; Old Hamptonians 0, Old Meadonians 0; Old Kingsburians 19, Hackney 17; Old Reigatians 0, Lewes 13; *Old Verulamians* 9, Bedford Athletic 12; Old Walcountians 25, Old Brocklelans 10; Old Whitgiftians 4, Old Juddians 11; Old Wimbledonians 16, Bec Old Boys 4; Oxford Marathon 22, *Buckingham 7; Oxford Old Boys 21 Old* Merchant Taylors 9; Redbridge 9, Braintree 10; Roxeth Manor Old Boys 3, London Cornish 12; Salisbury 28, Wimborne 3; Seaford 6, Hellingly 6; Snowdown CW 13, Canterbury 3; Southampton 19, Southampton University 19; Southend Priors 12, Upminster 12; Staines 7, Purley 32; Stockwood Park 10, Aylesbury 6; Streatham-Croydon 22, Esher 9; Thanet Wanderers 13, Folkestone 0; Thurrock 20, Gravesend 10; Tunbridge Wells 25, Charlton Park 3; University Vandals 18, REME Arborfield 3; Vigo 18, Old Williamsonian 12; Watford 10, Old Ignatians 10; Welwyn 9, Uxbridge 0; Winchester 25, Sutton and Epsom 15; *Windsor 15, Dorking 21; Woodford 10, St* Albans 3.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Atherstone 6, Standard 6; Banbury 14, Vipers 15; Belgrave 20, Coventry Saracens 0; Birmingham Welsh 0, Erdington 28; Bridgnorth 44, Oswestry 0; *Bromsgrove* 22, St Paul's College 13; Coalville 13, Rugby Wanderers 9; Doxonians 13, Aston OE 11; Dudley Kingswinford 4, Camp Hill 3; Earlsdon 17, Warwick 4; Edwardians 0, Cinderford 44; Five Ways 20, Old Centrals 10; GEC Coventry 3, Woodrush 16; Grimsby 3, Hessle 29; Handsworth 6, Old Halesonians 6; Kenilworth 0, Leamington 34; Kettering 11, Peterborough 4; Keyworth 15, Anstey 9; Kibworth 6, South *Leicester 6; Leesbrook 16, Old* Mannerians; Loughborough University 6, Moderns 6; Luton 4, Bedworth 6; Market Rasen 7, Scunthorpe 7; Mellish 13, Nottingham University 9; Newark 18, York 18; Newbold 18, Aylestone St James 0; Newcastle 15, Kings Norton 3; Newport 26, Droitwich 15; Nuneaton OE 6, Old Saltleians 0; Old Longtonians 18, Kidderminster 6; Old Leamingtonians 38, Veseyans 0; Pavlors 18, Goole 13; Redditch 7, Shrewsbury 21; Silhillians 7, Birmingham United 20; Solihull 33, Sidcup 4; Stoke on Trent 9, Preston Grasshoppers 43; Stoke Old Boys 16, Old Yardleians 3; Stourbridge 32, Huddersfield 6; Stratford 15, Swindon 16; Sutton Coldfield 21, Hinckley 12; Tamworth 16, Towcester 3; Telford 10, Birmingham University 4; Tenbury 4, Newent 11; Walsall 22, Burton 4; West Bridgford 31, Lutterworth 0; Westleigh 16, Stoneygate 9; Whitchurch 15, Leek 19. Midland Counties Colts: Final round: East Midlands 16, Warwickshire 19; *Notts, Lincs* and Derbys 11, Leicestershire 8.

NORTH: Yorkshire Silver Trophy: Semi-finals: Bridlington 16, Whitby 12; Wibsey 13, Sheffield Oaks 4. Club matches: Baildon 10, York RI 13; Beverley 3, Roundhegians 15; Bramley 27, Acklam 3; De la Salle 20, Warrington 3; Dinnington 9, Barnsley 18; Grimsby 3, Hessle 25; *Heaton Moor 5, Manchester University 15;* Hemsworth 52, Hullensians 4; Hornsea 27, Withernsea 9; Ionians 9, Driffield 25; Keighley 10, Chesterfield 3; Knottingley 42, Wheatley Hills 4; Leodiensians 21, Bradford Salem 4; Macclesfield 9, Winnington Park 14; Manchester 8, Stockton 10; Marist 25, Yorkshire CW 3; Merseyside Police 24, Widnes 3; Moortown 18, *Middlesbrough* Wasps 14; North Ribblesdale 30, Blackburn 0; Old Brodleians 24, Doncaster 4; Oldham 3, Old Crossleyans 7; Old Otliensians 15, Northallerton 0, Pocklington 0, Rotherham 23; Redcar 24, Scarborough 12; Rochdale 10, Davenport 11; Sheffield 8, Durham City 3; Sheffield Tigers 32, Huddersfield *Falcons 9; West Leeds 24*, Airebronians 7; West Park 10, Lichfield 8; West Park Bramhope 10, Selby 16; Wetherby 3, Wensleydale 8; Wilmslow 0, Broughton Park 36; Yarnbury 3, Old Modernians 28.

WEST: Club matches: Barnstaple 4, Exeter 31; Bideford 8, Okehampton 26; Crediton 28, Sidmouth 13; Devonport Services 25, Taunton 11; *Falmouth 25*, St Bartholomew's Hospital 0; Newton Abbot 6, Torquay Athletic 20, Paignton 4, Tiverton 13; Penzance-Newlyn 4, Penryn 10; Teignmouth 6, Devon and Cornwall Police 23.

ULSTER: Club matches: CIYMS 9, Old Wesley 19; Malone 9, Monkstown 6; Armagh 14, Athlone 0; Ballymena 34, De La Salle/Palmerston 11; Dungannon 13, Ards 9; Old Belvedere 4, NIFC 34.

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RACING: FISHER-TRAINED MARE FACES EASIER TASK AT KELSO

Consistent Singing Hills poised to collect overdue first success

By Mandarin

Singing Hills, placed in five of her last six starts, is napped to gain an overdue reward for her consistency in the Charterhall Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Kelso this afternoon.

She finished second to several of the north's better novices last season, including Masnoon, successful again this season, and Shelbourne, a highly-creditable third to Floyd in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle earlier this month.

The Roger Fisher-trained mare again acquitted herself well in the face of strong competition when second to the useful Pat Wollow at Carlisle last time, when, although beaten 25 lengths, she was 10 lengths clear of the remainder of the 14-runner field.

Dom Edino was the three-length winner of a modest race at Catterick Bridge nine days ago but has a much stiffer task under a 10lb penalty, and a greater danger could be top-weight Katy Quick, twice successful early in the season. She ran well for a long way when unplaced last time and takes a step down in class.

The most valuable race of the day, the Reg Tweedie Novices' Chase, can go to **High Edge Grey**. He proved his ability to jump fences with a win at Wetherby when those obstacles were attracting fierce criticism for their severity, and also ran respectably when second to the more experienced Proud Con in an Ayr handicap.

Tartan Torchlight will be fancied but he again made jumping errors when winning a minor race at Wolverhampton last week while Brigarona, a good-class staying handicapper last season, makes his fencing debut.

Warchant, second to subsequent winner Foot Patrol at Newcastle last time, can concede 18lb to Mirpur in the Cardrona Handicap Hurdle, and course and distance winner **Secret Walk** can take advantage of the weight he receives from Oaken in the *Guy Bailey Handicap Chase.*

The main attraction at Nottingham is the appearance of the potentially high-class **Randolph Place** in the Woodborough Novices' Chase.

He showed he was none the worse for a fall on his seasonal debut by easily defeating Colonel Rose at Ayr next time, and should win here if he is to live up to his reputation.

He faces an interesting chasing newcomer in River Ceiriog, a Cheltenham winner two seasons ago but largely disappointing last term, and with Nicky Henderson's string running a little below par at the moment I feel a more potent threat may be the well-regarded St Gabriel, who also makes his first appearance over fences.

Outlaw's season has been marred by jumping blunders but he looks to have an outstanding chance of landing the Bulwell Handicap Chase.

After winning at Southwell, he unseated his rider when an apparently certain winner at Uttoxeter and again came to grief when joint-favourite for a competitive Ascot race. Granted a clear round he should capitalize on an excellent opportunity.

Snowfire Chap, a good second to Galadine at Carlisle last time, can go one better in the Turfcall Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle, while course and distance winner **The Last Prince** can defy top weight in the Wollaton Handicap Chase.

Paul Nicholls driving Playschool to a five lengths victory in Saturday's Hennessy at Newbury (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

NOTTINGHAM

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 *Kingswood Resopal.*
1.30 Outlaw.
2.00 Lucky Blake.
2.30 *The Last Prince.*
3.00 Randolph Place.
3.30 *Snowfire Chap.*

By *Michael Seely*
1.30 OUTLAW (nap). 3.30 Viceroy Major.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 SOONER STILL.

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

1.0 COLWICK CLAIMING NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £948: 2m) (21 runners)

1	F0	ARDASHIR 5 (J Ross) G Moore 11-7	M Hammond	—
2		JULIO'S LAD (J Ross) P Haslam 11-7	S McNeill	—
3	211133	KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 25 (B,F) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 11-7	C Brown	● 99
6		SPHINX (J Bostock) J Jenkins 11-4	S Sherwood	—
10	0F0	PECHE D'OR 30 (B) (D Hudd) P Cundell 11-2	H Davies	84
13	30F	YORKBAY 14 (V) (I Dougall) C Horgan 11-2	E Murphy	86
14	F	HAILEY'S RUN 90 (BF) (R Barnes) M Pipe 11-0	P Scudamore	—
17		ROYAL TOWER (Mrs G Spink) Hbt Jones 11-0	L Wyer	—
18	0	SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 18 (Qualitair Engineering Ltd) K Stone 11-0	M Dwyer	—
21	0P	LOOSE RUCK 10 (W Joyce) J Pearce 10-12	J McLaughlin	—
22	P	SABOTEUR 3 (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 10-12	R Campbell	—
27	004110	TUESDAY EVENING 14 (D,G,S) (Miss M Strickland) R Woodhouse 10-11	S Woods (7)	82
28		AUNTIE CYCLONE (W Holden) W Holden 10-9	S Keightley	—
30	P	CALYPSO KID 48 (M Graham-Clare) H O'Neill 10-9	S Scott (7)	—
31		FUNNY SARAH (P Riseborough) M Tompkins 10-9	S J O'Neill	—
34		MY INSPIRATION (V) (T Sivter) M Eckley 10-9	W Hayes (7)	—
35	010	WHAT'S A GUINEA 16 (G) (G Davis) R Holder 10-9	N Coleman	77
37	0P	WYCOMBE LADY 44 (J Bull) J Mackie 10-8	Diane Clay (7)	85
39	0	FOLLY GALE 25 (Mrs A Upsdell) Mrs C Reavey 10-7	G McCourt	—
42	3	KNOCKSHARRY 14 (P White) R Hollinshead 10-6	R Dunwoody	90
47	00	POWER OF LOVE 58 (C Booth) C Booth 10-4	D Dutton	71

BETTING: 7-4 Kingswood Resopal, 7-2 Sphinx, 9-2 Yorkbay, 11-2 Hailey's Run, 8-1 Tuesday Evening, 10-1 Ardashir, 12-1 Knocksharry, 14-1 Funny Sarah, 16-1 Peche D'Or, 20-1 others.

1986: (all-aged) (Div I): POSITIVE 4-10-7 Mr T Thomson Jones (3-1) K Bailey 22 ran
(Div II): TARTAN TAILOR 5-11-5 P Tuck (4-11 fav) G Richards 21 ran

FORM ARDASHIR (10-10) some late progress to finish 31l 5th to Charlie Dickins (10-10) at Haydock (2m, £1,520, soft, Nov 25, 14 ran) and is likely to improve.
KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 3rd to good juvenile hurdlers Russian Lullaby and Calapaez on latest two starts; previously (11-4) beat We're In The Money (10-5) 5l at Devon (2m 1f, £922, firm, Sep 16, 15 ran). YORKBAY (10-10) was a running on 3rd, beaten a further 2l.
KNOCKSHARRY (10-5) 26l 3rd to Panlenka (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m, £685 good Nov 16, 16 ran). TUESDAY EVENING (10-8) lost touch from three out and finished about 9l 5th. YORKBAY (11-1) fell at the 2nd after being hampered
TUESDAY EVENING put up best effort in Kelso seller when (10-12) beating Enore (10-10) 3l (2m, £721, good, Oct 17, 12 ran).
WHAT'S A GUINEA won Taunton seller before (10-12) running 22½l 7th to Spacial (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yd, £921, good to soft, Nov 14, 22 ran).
WYCOMBE LADY pulled up last time; previously (10-5) ran 7l 6th to Tubareek (10-5) at Warwick (2m, £782, good to firm, Sep 19, 19 ran).
Selection: KINGSWOOD RESOPAL

1.30 BULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,764: 2m) (7 runners)

1	11F-343	KOUROS 17 (CD,G,S) (F Starr) O Brennan 8-11-10	M Brennan	90
2	01-00FP	BROAD BEAM 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Jennings) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-1	D Browne	94
5	322113/	TOM BROCK 558 (D,F) (Mrs B Bletsoe) K Morgan 9-10-7	J Osborne (4)	—
6	1-30200	RIVER RHEIN 21 (D,F,G,S) (A Reason) O Sherwood 10-10-6	S Sherwood	90
7	10P02-P	FINNESKO 11 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 9-10-5	R Beggan	90
8	02-01UF	OUTLAW 10 (BF,F,G,S) (H White) J Edwards 8-10-1	T Morgan	● 99
9	2-02020	MISTER FEATHERS 6 (B,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs M Forde) J King 8-10-0	S McNeill	93

BETTING: 5-2 Outlaw, 3-1 Kouros, 7-2 River Rhein, 5-1 Mister Feathers, 6-1 Finnesko, 10-1 Tom Brock, 14-1 Broad Beam.

1986: LOCHRUN 7-11-8 P Scudamore (Evens fav) Mrs J Pitman 4 ran

FORM KOUROS returned to something near best on latest start when (11-6) 7l 3rd to Wise Cracker (10-1) at Market Rasen (2m, £1,953, soft, Nov 13, 7 ran).
TOM BROCK missed last season. Best effort over fences (12-0) an 8l defeat of Skylander (12-0) at Worcester (2m, £1,024, good to firm, May 1986, 13 ran).
FINNESKO pulled up at Towcester (2m 50yd soft) on reappearance ended last season (10-7) with a 12l 2nd to Castle Andrea (10-0) at the same course (2m 5f 110yd, £2,285 good May 4 7 ran).
OUTLAW (10-2) in the lead when a tenth fence casualty behind Warner For Leisure (10-10) at Ascot (2m, good to soft) – a race in which BROAD BEAM (10-8) was pulled up. On last completed outing, OUTLAW (11-6) ran on to beat High Imp (10-9) 4l at Southwell (2m 74yd, £1,607, good to soft, Oct 29, 17 ran).
MISTER FEATHERS well-beaten 5th of 6 to Rostra at Wolverhampton (2m, soft, Nov 25); previously (10-8) 5l 2nd to Wiggburn (11-0) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f £2,338 good to firm, Nov 9, 15 ran) with RIVER RHEIN (11-0) 7th
RIVER RHEIN (10-13) last showed best when 1l 2nd to Skylander (11-0) at Chepstow (2m, £2,410, good to firm, Oct 3, 5 ran).
Selection: RIVER RHEIN

2.0 KEGWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£1,013: 2m) (11 runners)

2	0003-1S	LUCKY BLAKE 35 (G) (J Pepper) J Jenkins 4-12-0	S Sherwood	80
3	4-0	FLEUR DE THISTLE 16 (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 4-11-9	S Murphy (7)	85
5	0	BEKKERS CONTROLS 18 (Mrs E Bekker) M Eckley 4-11-4	M Price (7)	—
10	00	ACHILL BAY 54 (V) (D McBain) M McCormack 3-10-12	G McCourt	—
13		PIGEON ENGLISH (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 3-10-7	S Davies (7)	—
14	U0	RUN TO WORK 13 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 3-10-7	Susan Kersey (7)	—
15	03	SOONER STILL 5 (B Stevens) B Stevens 3-10-7	T Morgan	● 99
16		UNO'S PET (C Wheeler) K Stone 3-10-7	M Dwyer	—
20	P0	PADDY WILL 39 (M Walker) R Frost 3-10-2	J Frost	—
22		POLLAN BAY (M MacCarthy) T Casey 3-10-2	R Dunwoody	—
23	F	SPARTAN CITY 14 (G Ratcliff) Mrs A Ratcliff 3-10-2	Mr M Wellings	—

BETTING: 5-2 Sooner Still, 7-2 Lucky Blake, 5-1 Fleur De Thistle, 6-1 Pollan Bay, 8-1 Uno's Pet, 10-1 Paddy Will, 12-1 Achill Bay, 14-1 Spartan City, Run To Work, 16-1 others.

1986: COCKALORUM 4-11-9 N Fearn (5-1) K Morgan 8 ran

FORM LUCKY BLAKE slipped up early in race at Fakenham last time; previously (10-13) beat Marshal Blake (10-13) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £856, good, Sep 24, 9 ran).
FLEUR DE THISTLE (10-10) well behind Mausolee (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yd nov good to soft) on reappearance; better judged (10-10) on 13½l 4th to Hello Georgie (10-10) at Fontwell (2m 2f nov, £685, good to firm, Sep 1986, 11 ran).
SOONER STILL (10-10) weakened from two out when 20l 3rd to Ruling Dynasty (10-10) at Plumpton (2m nov, £911, soft, Nov 25, 18 ran). Will appreciate drop in class.
PADDY WILL (10-5) no chance from two out when 18¼l 6th to What's A Guinea (10-2) at Taunton (2m 1f, £566, good, Oct 22, 11 ran).
Selection: SOONER STILL

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 WOLLATON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,826: 3m) (8 runners)

2	42320-4	THE LAST PRINCE 17 (B,CD,G,S) (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) M H Easterby 10-11-10	L Wyer	● 99
3	4PP3/0P	FLAXEN TINA 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Gee) J Webber 9-11-9	M Perrett	—
4	104/234-	BARRYSVILLE 352 (F,G,S) (Andrew Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 11-11-9	G McCourt	98
5	1P22-0F	DEEP AND EVEN 18 (B,F,S) (C Brooks) F Winter 7-11-7	P Scudamore	85
8	PU-2233	ROYAL TO DO 25 (C,F,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 11-11-3	C Llewellyn (4)	94
10	232P-21	BURNDITCH BOY 10 (S) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-9	N Smith (7)	92
11	04-132F/	LISBONEY HILL 678 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 11-10-6	L Harvey	—
14	4-0FPP0	GOOD TRADE 226 (F,G,S) (H Harper) H Harper 12-10-0	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 The Last Prince, 3-1 Burnditch Boy, 7-2 Royal To Do, 6-1 Deep And Even, 8-1 Lisboney Hill, 12-1 Barrysville, 14-1 Flaxen Tina, 33-1 Good Trade.

1986: THE LAST PRINCE 9-11-2 L Wyer (4-1) M H Easterby 4 ran

FORM THE LAST PRINCE (10-2) in need of race when a well beaten 4th to Bucko (11-9) at Market Rasen (3m, soft), better judged (11-2) on a ¾l defeat of Gambir (11-10) here (3m £2,054, good, Dec 1, 4 ran) with BARRYSVILLE (11-5) 25l away in a below par 3rd.
BARRYSVILLE (11-10) showed better form when a 7l 2nd to Mount Oliver (10-8) here (3m, £1,610, good Nov 1986, 3 ran)
DEEP AND EVEN has been disappointing in two starts this term. Ended last season (11-4) with a creditable 2½l 2nd to Classified (11-6) at Stratford (2m 6f, £2 170, good to firm, May 30, 10 ran)
ROYAL TO DO (10-5) beaten head and 1½l when 3rd to Brave Hussar (11-8) at Kempton (2m 4f, £2,381 good, Nov 5, 6 ran).
BURNDITCH BOY a winner over hurdles here (3m 4f, soft) last time, previously (10-0) 3l 2nd to Deep South (10-8) at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, £2,431 soft, Nov 12, 6 ran)
Selection. DEEP AND EVEN

3.0 WOODBOROUGH NOVICES CHASE (£2,813: 2m) (17 runners)

1	1041PF	BRIANSTON BELL 30 (D,F,G) (G Woodhouse) W Clay 8-11-10	Diane Clay (7)	74
2	1210-F1	RANDOLPH PLACE 9 (D,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-10	P Tuck	90
4	0/10312	VULRORY'S CLOWN 23 (F,G) (T Bayler) O Brennan 9-11-10	M Brennan	83
6	13-1213	AUNTIE DOT 19 (F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 6-11-5	M Dwyer	92
8	20/000-U	CELTIC FLAME 25 (F,G) (Mrs G Godfrey) P W Harris 6-11-0	C Cox	—
11	13-4000	GREED 32 (F) (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 6-11-0	—	—
12	00/100-0	KEYBOARD KING 16 (S) (A Weller) D Wilson 6-11-0	P Scudamore	74
13	0UU43U	NEW HALEN 6 (T Sivter) A James 6-11-0	—	68
16	020F2/4	RIDE HIGH 10 (C Castleman) T Casey 9-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
17	33FF0F-	RIVER CEIRIOG 224 (G,S) (R McAlpine) N Henderson 6-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—
20	F/000-00	SON OF MANADO 11 (F,S) (J Parish) J Parish 7-11-0	A Webb	—
21	3/2101-2	ST GABRIEL 13 (G,S) (T Tate) T Tate 6-11-0	—	—
23	B03B40-	WILLIAM CRUMP 215 (G,S) (Osterdawn Associates Ltd) K Bailey 5-11-0	P Croucher	● 99
25	12203F	KILLARY BAY 13 (V,F,G) (D Marshall) K Stone 5-10-12	J J Quinn	—
27	000-	SAMSUN 276 (Maj G Rodwell) J Webber 5-10-12	M Bosley	—
30	00PP-F	FORTINA'S FOX FIRE 35 (Miss C Morris) J M Morris 7-10-9	NON-RUNNER	—
32	030/0-10	DUCHESS OF CONNAUT 20 (G) (D Malam) O Burchell 5-10-7	D J Burchell (7)	—

BETTING: 5-4 Randolph Place, 7-2 River Ceiriog, 6-1 William Crump, 7-1 St Gabriel, 8-1 Auntie Dot, 12-1 Vulrory's Clown, 16-1 Killary Bay, 20-1 Keyboard King, Ride High, 25-1 others.

1986: DAN THE MILLAR 7-11-10 G Bradley (5-4 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 14 ran

FORM BRIANSTON BELL (11-0) best judged on ¾l defeat of Welsh Consort (11-7) at Uttoxeter (2m, £1,558 good, Sep 24, 11 ran).
RANDOLPH PLACE (11-5) beat Colonel Rose (11-5) a neck at Ayr (2m, £1,656, good to soft, Nov 21, 10 ran).
VULRORY'S CLOWN (10-13) caught close home when ¾l 2nd to Up Cooke (10-8) at Chepstow (2m, £1,778, good to soft, Nov 7, 15 ran).
AUNTIE DOT (11-8) may have found the soft ground against her when 9l 3rd to Private Views (11-8) at Newbury (2m 160yd, soft) last time; previously (11-1) beat Cap That (10-10) 3l at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £1,626, good, Oct 30, 17 ran).
RIVER CEIRIOG, a top class novice hurdler two seasons ago proved disappointing last season. Finished (11-11) 13½l 6th to Aonoch (11-9) at Liverpool (2m 5f 110yd ndle, £14,960, good, Apr 4, 7 ran).
WILLIAM CRUMP (11-3) best judged on a 19l 4th to Tickite Boo (12-0) at Fairyhouse (2m 2f, £13,400, good, Apr 21, 14 ran).
Selection: WILLIAM CRUMP

3.30 TURFCALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (Novices: £1,269: 2m) (12 runners)

1	P-20000	SAB-AN 14 (H Oliver) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-10	W Hayes	92
2	032/000	RUSTY LAW 16 (M Banks) M Banks 5-11-2	N Fearn	95
3	03-0202	NOBLE RISE 16 (B) (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 4-11-1	—	95
4	U0004-2	SNOWFIRE CHAP 14 (J Pickles Ltd) H Wharton 4-11-0	P Harle	98
5	4300-00	CAPRICORN BLUE 73 (P Asquith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-12	J Osborne	● 99
6	P04-P00	THE FROZEN NORTH 32 (J Bernstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12	D Byrne	91
7	0030-04	VICEROY MAJOR 10 (Mrs A Ireland) G Kindersley 4-10-11	A Morgan	95
9	0P0	GARDA'S GOLD 21 (B Smith) R Dickin 4-10-6	M Jones	94
10	00000/P	TARPROMISE 12 (M McElroy) M Eckley 7-10-3	C Llewellyn	—
12	P000P-P	WATERFORD WAY 17 (P White) R Hollinshead 4-10-2	M Botterill	—
13	000-0	PODSNAP 11 (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-10-1	C Huggan	—
15	0-0P	ACKA'S BOY 21 (Mrs M Parish) J Parish 5-10-0	M Sherratt	—

BETTING: 5-2 Snowfire Chap, 3-1 Noble Rise, 4-1 Capricorn Blue, 6-1 Viceroy Major, 10-1 The Frozen North, 12-1 Sab-An, 14-1 Waterford Way, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SAB-AN (11-0) 2½l 2nd to Nap Majestica (10-11) at Southwell on reappearance (2m, £685, firm, Aug 8, 12 ran) but has failed to reproduce that subsequently over a variety of trips.
RUSTY LAW (10-9) weakened from the 2nd last when 12¾l 6th to Pitlochry (10-3) at Windsor (2m 30yd, £1,892, good to soft, Nov 14, 16 ran) with VICEROY MAJOR (10-0) out of first 9.
NOBLE RISE (10-10) 6l 2nd to Great Destiny (11-2) at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, £1287, good, Nov 14, 15 ran).
SNOWFIRE CHAP (11-0) stayed on to finish 4l 2nd to Galadine (11-0) at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd, £685, heavy, Nov 16, 18 ran).
THE FROZEN NORTH (11-6) best effort so far a 18l 4th to First Romance (11-1) at Towcester (2m, £885, good, Apr 20, 18 ran).
GARDA'S GOLD (10-12) made late headway to finish 18l 5th of 17 to Knockennis (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1437, good, Nov 9).
Selection: SNOWFIRE CHAP

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Winter	7	23	30.4
H Wharton	5	19	26.3
J Jenkins	6	24	25.0
N Henderson	9	43	20.9
M H Easterby	6	38	15.8
Mrs M Rimell	8	51	15.7

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Croucher	5	17	29.4
S Smith Eccles	13	63	20.6
M Dwyer	9	46	19.6
P Scudamore	20	118	16.9
P Tuck	9	60	15.0
M Brennan	10	85	11.8

KELSO

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Reay's Song.
1.15 Warchant.
1.45 Secret Walk.
2.15 High Edge Grey.
2.45 Demi John.
3.15 SINGING HILLS (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 Oaken.

Going: soft

12.45 ELIBANK SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£786: 2m 196yd) (9 runners)

1	21PP2/P	SUPER TONY 14 (F,G) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 10-12-0	Mr J Walton	—
3	P004-04	REAY'S SONG 6 (CD,S) (M Naughton) M Naughton 13-11-7	C Grant	90
4	3/B0-000	SNOW BLESSED 19 (F,G,S) (C Alexander) C Alexander 10-11-7	J O'Gorman (7)	—
6	0002/PP	BORDER LORD 19 (M Glen) J Mooney 6-10-5	J Mooney	—
7	4FPP20	THE BUTCHER 13 (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 7-10-5	B Ellison	90
8	F00PG-P	RUN FOR PORT 19 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 9-10-4	B Storey	—
10	00U0P-4	MILITARY CROWN 24 (F,S) (Mrs J Carr Evans) M Avison 10-10-4	R Marley (7)	—
11	0/33-0P0	PRINCE OBERON 24 (B) (J Packer) R Allan 6-10-4	P Niven	● 99
12	000/0P2	IRISH GUEST 14 (Mrs I Liquorish) P Monteith 6-10-4	D Nolan	—

BETTING: 6-4 Reay's Song, 2-1 The Butcher, 7-2 Prince Oberon, 8-1 Super Tony 16-1 others.

1986: REAY'S SONG 12-11-4 C Grant (9-2) M Naughton 8 ran

1.15 CARDRONA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,274. 2m 6f) (12 runners)

2	0044-12	WARCHANT 16 (F,G) (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 5-11-10	B Walsh (4)	93
3	0/P243-U	THORBELL ARCH 44 (F,G) (R Gray) R Gray 8-11-10	C Hawkins	96
4	01P/P	FAROOR 9 (S) (J Fiddes) P Monteith 7-11-9	D Nolan	—
5	0P-3000	WARWICK SUITE 9 (V,G,S) (P Davies) M Naughton 5-11-9	Mrs A Farrell	96
7	01/0-002	AMBERGATE 14 (F) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-6	Mr A Costello (7)	● 99
9	31123/0	COOL JAMIE 14 (C,G,S) (T Beaty) R Allan 6-11-5	R Fahey (7)	—
10	000-000	ETHELS COURSE 23 (S) (Lt-Col D Pain) D Moffatt 5-11-4	C Grant	94
11	F00/000-	TRIPLE VENTURE 308 (F,G,S) (T Goonan) T Craig 8-10-12	M Ennis	—
12	4000-00	PLAYING 44 (CD,S) (Mrs J Pringle) Mrs J Pringle 8-10-9	P A Farrell (4)	96
13	F/031-03	MIRPUR 13 (C,F,G) (I Ruddock) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-6	P Niven	96
15	0P0/P0-P	SILVER DREAMER 19 (F) (W Harrison) W H Harrison 7-10-0	—	—
16	00/0-P	FENCALINA 83 (A Crowe) P Liddle 5-10-0	M Pepper	—

BETTING: 2-1 Warchant, 7-2 Mirpur, 5-1 Thorbell Arch, 8-1 Ambergate, 8-1 Ethels Course, 10-1 Playing, 12-1 Cool Jamie, Warwick Suite, 16-1 others.

1986: (2m) PRICEOFLOVE 6-10-13 J D Davies (5-1) D Moffatt 13 ran

1.45 GUY BAILEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,005: 2m 6f) (6 runners)

4	4P-21F2	OAKEN 23 (C,F,G) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 6-11-10	C Grant	94
6	7010F-4	SECRET WALK 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Hathaway Roofing) W A Stephenson 6-10-10	A Merrigan	87
8	3/1FF4-3	SHOOLER PRINCE 14 (G,S) (F Watson) F Watson 10-10-3	G Harker	98
9	113132	ANOTHER FLAME 14 (F,G,S) (C Rennison) W Storey 10-10-0	A Carroll	90
10	43383-0	BORDER KNIGHT 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 12-10-0	B Storey	● 99
11	3-PP	ASH ROYAL 24 (J Forrest) R McDonald 10-10-0	C Hawkins	—

BETTING: 6-4 Oaken, 5-2 Secret Walk, 9-2 Border Knight, 6-1 Another Flame, 12-1 Shooler Prince, 25-1 Ash Royal.

1986: THE DIVIDER 8-11-12 T G Dun (5-2) Mrs T Calder 4 ran

2.15 REG TWEEDIE NOVICES CHASE (£3,038: 3m) (5 runners)

4	U2-0212	HIGH EDGE GREY 10 (G) (J Stone) K Oliver 6-11-4	C Grant	● 99
7	00-2U31	TARTAN TORCHLIGHT 6 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 7-11-4	J Hansen	87
9	0/110P1-	BRIGARONA 250 (F,G,S) (A Flannigan) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-0	P Niven	—
11	P0P/02P	PAMPERING 23 (Mrs J Brockbank) J Brockbank 6-11-0	B Storey	87
12	21214/3	SWIRL HOWE 6 (G) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-0	K Jones	—

BETTING: 7-4 Tartan Torchlight, 9-4 Brigarona, 11-4 High Edge Grey, 10-1 Swirl Howe, 14-1 Pampering

1986: KING'S COLLEGE BOY 6-11-5 G Bradley (6-4 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 10 ran

2.45 SISTERPATH NOVICES HURDLE (£685 2m 6f) (19 runners)

4	0	ADEN ROYALE 9 (J Sim) T Craig 4-11-0	B Hay (7)	—
5	P-0	ASSAIL 17 (Mrs M Naslen) R Woodhouse 6-11-0	B Ellison	—
6		BLUFF KNOLL (R Brewis) R Brewis 4-11-0	G Harker	—
8	0/	CAYDALE 968 (D Cook) P Liddle 8-11-0	M Pepper	—
9	000-302	DEMI JOHN 41 (C Allan) G Richards 5-11-0	J Hansen	● 99
10	10/0042-	ETERNAL CREDIT 193 (G) (Mrs B McKinney) R Fisher 5-11-0	R Hodge (7)	85
12	40000-4	INTO THE MYSTIC 14 (Mrs D McLean) B McLean 5-11-0	P Niven	75
14	00/3-403	MELROSE 13 (J Robinson) J Robinson 8-11-0	Mr R Robinson	84
16	00/04-0	READ ALL ABOUT IT 45 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-0	A Merrigan (4)	—
19		SHAKE THE KING (C Parker) C Parker 4-11-0	—	—
21	U/40-	TODDLIN HAME 237 (D Gourlay) C Parker 5-11-0	K Doolan	79
22	00-P000	TOSHEN BOY 5 (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 7-11-0	J O'Gorman (7)	—
23		TRAPRAIN LAW (J Stephenson) K Oliver 5-11-0	C Grant	—
25	0	DAJOPEDE 52 (Mrs K Craggs) J Charlton 8-10-9	C Dennis (7)	—
26	0-00000	ESPLEY LADY 10 (Mrs A Page) W A Stephenson 4-10-9	K Jones	90
27	00F-00	LADY MANELLO 13 (Mrs A Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 4-10-9	G Lyons	—
29	B-0P	MORE AND MORE 19 (Mrs M Nisbet) Mrs W Tullie 5-10-9	B Storey	—
30	00-0	SIBERIAN MOON 41 (M Fenwick) Mrs A Speke 7-10-9	A Orkney	—
31	00	WEDNESDAYS CHILD 14 (Mrs J Brockbank) J Brockbank 6-10-9	J D Davies (4)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Demi John, 7-2 Into The Mystic, 4-1 Eternal Credit, 6-1 Melrose, 8-1 Read All About It, 10-1 Traprainlaw 12-1 Assail, 14-1 Toddlin Hame, 16-1 others

1986: MARCH FLY 6-10-2 Mr D Mactaggart (14-1) A Mactaggart 15 ran

3.15 CHARTERHALL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,131 2m) (15 runners)

1	2133P0	KATY QUICK 9 (D,S) (F Barlow) M Naughton 6-11-13	—	85
3	000-21	DOM EDINO 9 (D,G) (C Holder) M Avison 4-10-12 (10ex)	R Marley (7)	98
5	2202-32	SINGING HILLS 14 (Ms D Miller) R Fisher 6-10-10	R Hodge (7)	91
6	0030-00	TACTICO 10 (I Dalgleish) W Fairgrieve 5-10-10	J Hansen	94
8	0/00-00	LONGFORD PASS 14 (J Price) K Oliver 7-10-5	B Storey	—
9	FF/00	HUNKY 9 (P Purcell) P Monteith 5-10-2	D Nolan	—
10	0F0-P	FRENCH DESIGN 14 (W Dickie) J Gillen 4-10-2	C Hawkins	—
11	00040-0	NEXT DANCE 14 (K Hart) D Moffatt 4-10-2	K Teelan	● 99
13	000/300-	RUSTIC TRACK 373 (D Smith) Denys Smith 7-10-2	C Grant	94
15	00F03-	RED DESIREE 310 (J Burlinson) N Chamberlain 5-10-0	A Orkney	83
17	4/000-00	DOCTOR CHESNE 33 (R Robison) W McGhie 5-10-0	R Fahey (7)	—
19	000-0	MERCURIUS 9 (Mrs A Robertson) D Robertson 5-10-0	Mrs A Robertson	—
20	000/0	WE'LL MEET AGAIN 14 (R Gibbons) R Allan 10-10-0	—	—
21	00/0-00	PONGEE'S GIRL 10 (T Bell) C Parker 5-10-0	P Niven	—
22	0PP00-P	BRIANELA 9 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 7-10-0	Miss T Waggott (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Dom Edino, 4-1 Singing Hills, 5-1 Next Dance, 6-1 Rustic Track, Katy Quick, 8-1 Red Desiree, 10-1 We'll Meet Again, 12-1 Tactico, Longford Pass, 16-1 others

1986: (3-Y-O) DUNLORING 10-12 M Hammond (7-2) G Moore 10 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs G Reveley	8	35	[illegible]
Denys Smith	12	66	18.2
W A Stephenson	36	229	15.7
R Fisher	10	67	14.9
K Oliver	10	68	14.7
J Charlton	5	40	12.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Grant	22	165	13.3
C Hawkins	11	93	11.8

Only qualifiers

Resilient Le Glorieux flies French flag again

From Michael Seely, Tokyo

Le Glorieux smashed the 2,400 metre course record in the Japan Cup in Tokyo yesterday when storming home from Southjet, one of the three American challengers, and the locally-trained Dyna Actress in a time of 2min 24.9sec.

Triptych, favourite at 5-4 on to win her sixth group one race of the year, came home strongly to take fourth place after being hampered early in the straight.

Moon Madness, a heavily-backed second favourite, was at one time six lengths clear of his rivals but then weakened to finish fifth.

Mountain Kingdom, the other British runner, was moved up by Steve Cauthen into a challenging position on the home turn, but the St Leger runner-up never looked like finding the necessary pace and came home in seventh position.

What a triumph did this victory represent for Robert Collet, Le Glorieux's trainer, Alain Lequeux the jockey, and also for Werner Wolf, the owner.

The three-year-old has, in just over a month, finished second to Kamiros in Cologne, runner-up to Theatrical in New York and also won the Washington International.

The Japanese certainly love their racing. A crowd of 83,569 watched the Sunday afternoon sport and by the time the 10th race had taken place had wagered £70-million of which £34.4 million had been bet on the big race alone.

Legend Taio was the first to take up the running. Moon Madness missed the break and, from an outside draw, Pat Eddery had no option but to rush the second favourite up towards the leaders and the pair hit the front rounding the first turn.

In the back straight Lequeux moved Le Glorieux into second place but then delayed his final effort until Eddery had kicked her home early in the straight. The response was immediate as Le Glorieux produced a fine burst of speed to sprint clear.

The jockey was pulling his mount up at the finish as the second and third closed to within three quarters of a length and half a length at the line.

Triptych, who had been checked in her run when Legend Taio dropped back beaten, must have made up 10 lengths in just over a furlong to reach her final position, a further 1½ lengths away.

A sectional timing chart, which was issued afterwards, told its own tale. The fastest three furlongs of the race were the second, third and fourth respectively, which were covered in 11.2sec, 11.8sec and 11.4sec respectively.

"Moon Madness had to burn up his speed too early from his bad draw," commented his trainer, John Dunlop.

When Eddery was informed that the winning time had gone close to breaking the world record for the distance his sense of humour got the better of the 36-year- old former champion: "It looks as though I must have gone too fast," he said.

As far Triptych was concerned Patrick Biancone was inclined to blame the jockey, Tony Cruz. "I can't imagine why he attempted to come up the fence," he said: "After all there was plenty of room on the outside."

However, Cruz was quick to counter the charge. "Triptych was hanging and hating the firm ground," he said. "By the time we got going the race was over."

But nothing must be allowed to detract from the high merit of Le Glorieux's win. He is a tough and seasoned international competitor, who had the speed first to hold his place and secondly to put his stamp on the race in the closing stages.

In the past few years Collet has established himself as a trainer of the highest calibre, particularly by his bold and attacking policy in international racing.

Last season he sent Last Tycoon first to England to win group one races at Ascot and York. Then in November his three-year-old travelled to California for that dramatic victory in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

In 1987 apart from his victories with Le Glorieux, he has also captured the Rothmans International with River Memories.

Sir Ian Trethowan, the Levy Board chairman, was interested to hear that the Japan Racing Association benefited to the tune of some £3 million from the betting on the big race alone and that annually they receive £700 million which is available to reinvested in the industry.

Big race result

Going: firm

JAPAN CUP: 1 LE GLORIEUX (A Lequeux), 2 Southjet (J-L Samyn), 3, Dyna Actress (Y Okabe). ALSO RAN: Triptych (4th) Moon Madness (5th) Ia[illegible] (6th), Mountain Kingdom (7th), Cockney Lass (8th) Our Waverley Star (9th), Sunny Swallow (10th), Tokai Roman (11th), Legend Taio (12th), Gaidan (13th), Akabir (pu). 14 ran. ¾l, ½l, 1¾l, ½l. R Collet in France. Tote (to 100 yen stake): 860; 360, 1230, 740 DF (Le Glorieux or Moon Madness with Southjet) 6170 2min 24.9sec (course record)

Barons eyes Welsh National with triumphant Playschool

By George Rae

Kildimo remains favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup despite his disappointing 10½-length fourth to Playschool in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday.

He is generally quoted at 8-1, a mark he shares with two previous Gold Cup winners, Forgive'N Forget and The Thinker.

Playschool's triumph, by five lengths from Contradeal, was a second successive Hennessy win for Devon trainer David Barons and his stable jockey Paul Nicholls.

Their winner of a year ago, Broadheath, was again in the field but Nicholls' view that Playschool had the better chance was fully vindicated.

The race was also a personal triumph for Nicholls, who had a heavy fall at Plumpton last Wednesday and, after taking two days off on doctor's orders, was winning on his first ride since.

Barons has suffered a sketchy start to the season with his stable only periodically firing as he would have liked. But his long-established faith in Playschool has never wavered, and indeed after Playschool had won his first race over fences at the corresponding meeting last season he voiced the opinion that here was a potential future Hennessy winner.

"He knocked a joint when he fell at Kempton in October and had missed a lot of work before he ran second to Kildimo at Cheltenham," Barons said. "I always felt he would improve a lot on that run."

"His first objective is the Welsh National at Chepstow next month, and I think he will prove an even better horse with more give in the ground."

A 4lb penalty takes his weight to 10st 11lb and sponsors Corals make him an 8-1 favourite. He is a best-priced 25-1 for the Gold Cup with Ladbrokes.

Kildimo, who had beaten Playschool in each of their three previous meetings, made several jumping errors, most crucially a blunder at the second-last in the back straight which cost him both ground and momentum. He was beaten turning for home.

"He went into it four lengths behind the leaders and cruising," trainer Toby Balding said, "but came out 10 lengths behind and struggling."

Balding is still against running Kildimo against Desert Orchid in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day and would not rule out taking on Playschool again at Chepstow two days later. "He will have three more races before Cheltenham," Balding said. "One around Christmas and two more in the New Year."

Celtic Chief, ridden by Peter Scudamore, was promoted to 10-1 second favourite for the Champion Hurdle after beating Osric in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle. See You Then, the incumbent champion, is 9-4.

"He's learnt to jump now," his trainer Mercy Rimell said, "although it's taken some time. He will have a rest until February when he takes in the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford before going on to Cheltenham."

Nicky Henderson, bitterly disappointed with the Triumph Hurdle winner Alone Success, a well-beaten sixth, fears something is amiss with his string.

● Jim Thorpe, trained by Gordon Richards, won the Dipper Novices' Chase at Newcastle on Saturday but was greatly helped by the fall at the second-last of the favourite, City Entertainer, who was remounted to finish fourth. Jim Thorpe now goes to Doncaster for the Freebooter Novices' Chase on Saturday week, while City Entertainer reappears at Cheltenham on New Year's Eve.

Davies fined

Hywel Davies was fined £100 by the Newbury stewards on Saturday for using his whip with 'excessive frequency' on Osric, runner-up to the odds-on Celtic Chief in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle.

Saturday's results

Newbury

12.45 1, Biloxi Blues (4-6 fav), 2, Drumin Hill (33-1); 3, Steeple View (11-4) 19 ran.

1.15 1, Celtic Chief (8-11 fav), 2, Osric (14-1); 3, Gnotar (66-1). 9 ran.

1.50 1 Playschool (6-1); 2, Contradeal (13-2); 3, Durham Edition (10-1) Kildimo 2-1 fav 12 ran.

2.20 1, Private Views (3-1); 2, The West Awake (1-2 fav), 3, Glenavey (25-1). 6 ran.

2.50 1, Cottage Run (2-1); 2, Panto Prince (9-4), 3, Peter Anthony (14-1) Music Be Magic 7-4 fav 5 ran.

3.20 1, Vagador (11-8 fav); 2, Green Willow (20-1), 3, Lashkarual (11-2). 19 ran

Market Rasen

1.0 1 Urbi Et Orbi (3-1 fav), 2, Icen (11-1); 3, Mahmneh (14-1), 4, Seeyouaround (16-1). 23 ran

1.30 1 Terrajah (16-1), 2, Catch That (9-1); 3, Humberside Lady (10-1) Record Harvest 2-7 fav 7 ran NR Jim Thorpe Dark Emperor

2.0 1, Christo (13-8 fav), 2 Bellway (33-1), 3, Firm Attempt (14-1), 4, Vulnerable (33-1). 19 ran

2.30 1 Grinders (2-1), 2 Shepherd's Hymn (5-1); 3, Canio (4-1) Dutch Lord 15-8 fav 5 ran

3.0 1, Valentinos Joy (9-4), 2, Dover (10-1). Only 2 finished Karenomore 2-5 fav, 3 ran

3.30 1, Zagazig (Evens fav); 2, Lightwater Again (6-1); 3, Foston (12-1). 17 ran. NR, Kitty Blake

Towcester

1.0 1. Tomorrow Night (16-1); 2, Crumpet Deme (2-1 fav); 3, Kamadoor (5-1). 18 ran.

1.30 1 Belliver Prince (3-1); 2, Springwood Boy (5-1); 3, Lenacre Bridge (8-1) Crowecopper 9-4 fav. 7 ran.

2.0 1, Forum's Folly (15-2), 2, White Jazz (4-1); 3, Queen Matilda (100-30 fav). 14 ran. NR, Ainsty Fox.

2.30 1, Aquilifer (5-2), 2, Team Challenge (2-1 fav) 3, The Thirsty Farmer (6-1) 10 ran. NR: Kara Just.

3.0 1, Over The Road (9-2); 2, Erica Superba (20-1); 3, Torymore Green (2-1 jt-fav). Sunbeam Talbot 2-1 jt-fav 14 ran NR. Donald Davies, Ryecroft.

3.30 1 El Galileo (6-1); 2, Opening Bars (5-1); 3, None Too Dear (13-8 fav). 12 ran NR: Dan Raise.

Newcastle

12.45 1 Park Run (16-1), 2, Galadine (6-4). 3, Bishopdale (Evens fav). 7 ran

1.15 1 Hassle Money (8-15 fav), 2, Night Magic (66-1); 3, Fair Echo (14-1). 4 ran.

1.45 1 Tancred Sand (7-4 fav); 2, Fredcoteri (4-1); 3, Carousel Rocket (12-1). 7 ran.

2.15 1 Jim Thorpe (15-8), 2, Saizano (33-1), 3, Botham (50-1) City Entertainer (5-6 fav) 6 ran

2.45 1 Deep South (7-2); 2, Silent Valley (3-1); 3, The Wilk (11-2). Little Power 5-4 fav 5 ran

3.15 1, Carat Stick (11-2); 2, New Farmer (7-2 fav); 3, Doughty Rebel (11-2). 11 ran

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
M Pipe	42	32	12	1	+9.82
W Stephenson	32	21	24	6	-23.21
G Richards	26	17	18	0	-33.77
D Elsworth	21	10	12	7	-4.19
J Gifford	20	13	20	7	+16.54
G Moore	17	10	7	3	+6.85
G Balding	16	17	10	1	-10.49
J Fitzgerald	16	14	12	0	-17.00
D Nicholson	16	13	9	0	-8.94

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
P Scudamore	61	38	17	4	+28.45
P Tuck	27	18	15	0	-33.62
R Dunwoody	26	28	32	1	-56.57
C Grant	25	24	17	12	-27.91
S Sherwood	23	20	20	7	-35.03
M Dwyer	21	29	19	1	-60.11
G McCourt	21	17	13	13	-1.38
M Williams	20	11	9	0	+23.34
K Mooney	18	8	3	1	+42.57

Lamb retires

Ridley Lamb, who rode The Thinker to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup last March has retired. Lamb, 32, a former top-class amateur rider and latterly stable jockey to Arthur Stephenson, cited a series of frustrating injuries and set-backs for his decision.

FOOTBALL: TOTTENHAM'S DEFENSIVE SECURITY IS TIGHTENED BUT RESULTS SHOULD COME AFTER A MIDSEASON BREAK

Hodge could be punished further

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur 0
Liverpool 2

One-handed save: Parks, Tottenham's goalkeeper, beats off another Liverpool attack (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

For his first trick Tottenham Hotspur's new manager was supposed to wave a wand and produce an instant transformation at White Hart Lane. But the coming of Terry Venables coincided with the going of Steve Hodge and the chances of success were reduced from remote to none.

To have beaten Liverpool with 11 men would in itself have been a unique achievement. To have done so with 10 would have provoked even wilder claims about Venables returning as a magician. He will retrieve their position but through practical rather than illusory methods.

There were signs that even within a week he had strengthened their defensive security. The presence of Stevens as well as Mabbutt in midfield restricted Liverpool's creative department and, even when ideas were formed, on five occasions in the opening quarter-of-an-hour, they fell harmlessly into an efficient off-side trap.

In fashioning one or two promising openings of their own, Tottenham were beginning to believe in the improbable. Those ambitious thoughts were dismissed instantly along with Hodge. His temper has recently been running further and further out of control and it took him a mere 17 minutes to lose it.

For blatantly elbowing Houghton in the face, he became the fourth member of the England squad to be sent off this season. He may yet suffer further punishment (Venables will formally adopt his policy about such offences this week) but Tottenham paid a predictably heavy penalty for his petulance.

Waddle, their match-winner last season, had to be withdrawn for safety's sake from the front line and, even though their resistance was not broken for an hour, Liverpool's superiority was by then far more than numerical. Parks distinguished himself with three or four saves before McMahon and Johnston confirmed it.

The loss of Ruddock, wounded by Gillespie's late tackle which was less overt than Hodge's outburst but potentially more dangerous, left Tottenham's formation in utter disarray. Few were the players who filled the same role from start to finish but no move was as influential as Nicol's.

Instructed during the interval to change places with Lawrenson, he was left free to invade Tottenham's right flank. Kenny Dalglish was asked how often he exchanged his full backs at half-time. Without hesitating, Liverpool's manager responded with a typically humorous piece of logic. "Only once a game," he said.

Venables, whose wit is usually as natural and as sharp, was comparatively subdued. Since the opportunity to make a genuine assessment of his side had been taken away, all he could offer was an appraisal of the mental approach. "At least the spirit of the players was good," he commented.

Although he was initially optimistic, "once Hodge had gone, they started to move the ball around and we got progressively tired. But we kept at it and no one displeased me. Everyone's been a bit flat and a bit down, so it was important to get the attitude right."

But, after a sequence of nine games without a win, he and Tottenham's supporters will now be looking for a more substantial improvement. A midseason break of a fortnight, interrupted only by a friendly outing at Brentford on Saturday, could not have been timed with more convenience.

Nor could the next League fixture. In taking on Charlton Athletic at White Hart Lane, Tottenham will go from the top to the bottom of the First Division and the realistic expectations of a renaissance should start.

During the following games against Derby County, Southampton, West Ham United, Watford and Chelsea, Tottenham are likely to have completed their recovery. By coincidence, they will then open their challenge for the FA Cup.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: A Parks; C Hughton (sub: N Claesen), M Thomas, N Ruddock (sub: T O'Shea), C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, S Hodge, G Stevens.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie (sub: N Spackman), M Lawrenson, S Nicol, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Walsh (sub: C Johnston), J Aldridge, J Barnes, R Houghton, S McMahon.

Referee: I Borrett.

Spirited showing as John settles Watford's doubts

By Clive White

Watford 2
Arsenal.................................. 0

A week of much speculation surrounding the future of Watford Football Club ended with two firm conclusions at least. One was that Dave Bassett, thankfully, was wrong in thinking that the media would get him the sack; the other was that Elton John was right to remove all doubts about his manager's position.

The scaffolding the media had been grimly erecting for Bassett's execution came crashing down with this hard-earned but merited victory over Arsenal that might have been enough to make John think twice about selling his shares to Robert Maxwell. If Watford are still a very long way from nursing championship aspirations like Arsenal, there was further evidence in the spirit of this performance, which was their fourth in the last five without defeat, that Bassett is beginning to earn respect from his players — and vice versa.

One or two doubts still remain, like the desire of Jackett, the Welsh international who set up Saturday's victory, to leave the club, though he stressed that it had nothing to do with the manager. At least the players feel that they are finally being given some direction from the board with the recent statement in support of Bassett. It has been difficult for them to concentrate on their jobs while wondering whether today's tactics will still hold good tomorrow.

Bassett knows that he has made mistakes and that he should have held on to one or two players, notably this author would suggest Falco, until suitable replacements could be found. He has learnt his lesson. This is why Jackett must stay until Bassett can replace him.

. "If he hadn't admitted he made those mistakes, there might be a question mark over whether he knew what he was doing," McClelland, the Watford captain, said. "There's a lot of hard work to be done, though there has definitely been an improvement over the last seven games. The manager has realized you need players with special qualities to play 4-2-4 so he's given up on that idea for the time being."

Defensively, Bassett seems to have got it right. For all Arsenal's gripes about poor officiating, Watford kept Arsenal, for the most part, at a safe distance, at least safe when you have someone as secure as Coton in goal, though they had to thank their lucky stars when a shot by Groves struck Morris standing on the goal-line. Watford even had the cheek to spring Arsenal's offside trap, most crucially in the eighteenth minute, when Chivers put Jackett through. Not the quickest of midfield players, Jackett held on to his advantage and his head to beat Lukic comfortably.

Before that Senior had had a header tipped over by Lukic. But we had to wait until the 68th minute for Watford's third crack at goal and that, an Allen header went wide. Senior has so far proved an expensive failure for Bassett who is badly lacking a forward with a real cutting edge.

Significantly, it was through another of the Taylor-made players, Blissett, whom he has largely discarded, that victory was ultimately secured. Undeterred as ever by earlier classic misses, Blissett roared on to a through pass after fine work by Hodges and drove a shot into the corner of Lukic's net with the unfailing accuracy he always seems to find in the end.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was his usual more chirpy self in defeat, taking heart, perhaps, from what he recognised as an improved performance on the previous week's defeat to Southampton. He will be in no doubt, too, that if Arsenal are to give credibility to their championship challenge, it is essential that he finds a more prolific partner for Smith.

WATFORD: A Coton; G Chivers, W Rostron, K Jackett, M Morris, J McClelland, L Blissett, M Allen (sub: W Sterling), T Senior, G Porter, G Hodges.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; M Thomas, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, A Smith, P Groves, K Richardson (sub: M Hayes).

Referee: J Worrall.

Villa enjoy their Gray away day

By Martin Searby

Bradford City 2
Aston Villa 4

Aston Villa's two new signings — Andy Gray, from Crystal Palace, and Stuart Gray, from Barnsley — played substantial roles in an eighth victory away from home, which knocked Bradford off the top of the second division for the first time since mid-September. It was a marvellously competitive, skilful and intelligent match that few games this season could equal.

An insight into the clubs' respective chances of playing in the first division came from Stuart Gray, and here the executioner with the vital first goal — a volley from 20 yards after a long throw from his namesake — and with another fine strike for the fourth.

"It may, in the end, come down to who has the strongest squad," the midfield player said. Bradford tried to sign him earlier this season. "Villa have a lot of competition for places but Bradford might find the going a bit difficult if they get any injury problems, particularly with the heavy Christmas programme and the Cup to follow."

Graham Taylor, the manager, laid the foundations of Villa's success by combating the sweeper system used so effectively by Bradford in their rise to the top. "My main pleasure was the way we played with fire and commitment but, more importantly, brains," he said. Bradford equalized Gray's first goal with a penalty awarded for hands, but the crucial error came less than a minute later when, on the stroke of half-time, Sinnott bungled a clearance on the left, exposed the central defenders and Birch bundled McInally's cross over the line.

Two minutes after the break, a darting header from Thompson would have completely undone lesser sides, but the Yorkshire team kept going and when Simms again handled, wrongly guessing there was a man behind him, Futcher again converted the penalty.

Villa had to survive a hectic final half hour after Gray's fourth goal, with Spink and his defenders equalling the more creative members of the side to keep Bradford out.

BRADFORD CITY: P Tomlinson; B Mitchell (sub: M Leonard), S Staunton; S McCall, G Oliver, D Evans; J Hendrie, L Sinnott, R Futcher, L Palin (sub: G Abbott), I Ormondroyd.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; K Gage, B Gallacher; A Gray, S Simms, M Keown; A McInally, W Aspinall, G Thompson, S Gray, P Birch.

Referee: J Penrose.

Megson's threat to formula

By David Powell

Sheffield Wednesday ... 3
Queen's Park Rangers.. 1

One felt for Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, on Saturday in much the same way that one would feel for a man who runs in front of a bus while celebrating his discovery of the elixir of life. Wednesday's fourth win in five first division matches, and their first against opponents from the top half of the table, hinged on a pugnacious performance by Gary Megson; but Wilkinson, with his formula right, must do without the ubiquitous midfield player while he serves a two-match suspension.

Megson contributed to all of Wednesday's goals — the first time this season that they have exceeded two in a match — and, with the help of the imposing Proctor and Owen, stifled Queen's Park Rangers in midfield. "We didn't compete," Jim Smith, the Rangers manager, said. It was not that they were unwilling, more that Wednesday were too slick for them.

Wilkinson scored a managerial point over Smith by dropping Galvin, a winger, and using Owen as an extra midfield player. The element of surprise worked and the Rangers goalmouth was a hive of activity in the opening 10 minutes. In one move Seaman made a reflex save from West who, from the rebound, had his second shot blocked on the line by O'Neill.

Rangers' inability to clear corners, with Pearson at the near post to flick on from Megson and Owen, was a torture chamber from which the visitors found no escape until the final whistle. They entered that chamber in the ninth minute when Proctor drove in after a Megson corner, helped on by Pearson, and were still there after 86 minutes when another of Megson's deliveries was only half cleared. A shot by Sterland was deflected in by Fenwick.

In between these goals Megson's diving header, from a move initiated by himself with a pass out to Chapman, made it 2-0 and Bannister, released by Parker, beat Hodge at his near post for 2-1. For 20 minutes it looked as though Rangers might snatch their fifth successive League draw. Which would have been unjust.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, N Worthington, L Madden, N Pearson, M Proctor, M Chamberlain, G Megson, L Chapman, C West, G Owen.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: D Seaman; W Ferraday (sub: D Maddix), I Dawes, P Parker, J O'Neill, T Fenwick, M Allen, D Coney, G Bannister, J Channing, K Brock (sub: J Byrne).

Referee: V Callow.

An afternoon for writing practice

By Dennis Signy

Chelsea................................ 1
Wimbledon........................ 1

After eight uneventful minutes at Stamford Bridge, Ray Lewis, the referee, produced his notebook and yellow card to record an offence by Fairweather. "That is Wimbledon's 31st booking of the season," announced a helpful statistician in the press-box. He charts such information as he follows their fortune.

Having been assigned to Wimbledon games on successive Saturdays, I took note. In the next 82 minutes Lewis produced the yellow card another five times and a red card twice in two minutes.

Gayle was dismissed for swearing at a linesman after Beasant, the Wimbledon captain, and four of his colleagues, had harangued the official loud and long when the referee awarded a penalty. Their argument, it transpired, was not with the decision, but a claim that Durie was offside before Dorigo ran through to be brought down by Beasant.

Three minutes later Durie, who had missed a penalty in the previous week's televised match at Derby, gave vent to his feelings by blasting the goal that preserved Chelsea's 13-match unbeaten run at Stamford Bridge, going back to April 4.

Barely had the noise subsided when Fairweather was dismissed for a tackle on Wilson. Soon after, Sanchez was shown the yellow card for a remark and Jones for a foul on Nevin. In between, Wood became the lone Chelsea player cautioned, for a foul on Wise.

All this silenced the section of Chelsea supporters that was chanting "There's only one Micky Hazard" — a reaction to the omission of the former Tottenham midfield player who is such a favourite at Stamford Bridge.

John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, revealed that Hazard reacted angrily to being left out and had threatened not to play for him again. Hazard, he said, had been available for transfer for almost a year; but he was under contract and, if needed, would be called on to play.

While it is true that the recall of Murphy for his first game of the season did little to enhance Chelsea, Hollins may have done Hazard a favour by leaving him out of this ill-tempered, physical London derby.

Wimbledon's goal, after 57 minutes, came when a header from Sanchez came back off the post with Freestone all at sea; Wise scored.

CHELSEA: R Freestone; S Clarke (sub: G Hall), T Dorigo, C Pates, J McLaughlin, D Wood, P Nevin, J Murphy, K Dixon, G Durie, C Wilson.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; E Young, J Scales, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, C Fairweather, A Cork, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.

Referee: R Lewis.

Norwich set date for talks

An extraordinary general meeting that could decide the future of the Norwich City board of directors is to be held in January.

Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, and his five co-directors met before Saturday's home defeat by Portsmouth to discuss the demands of a group of shareholders who have forced the club to call the meeting at which they will seek to pass a vote of no confidence in the board.

After the meeting Chase said the talks would be held in January, although not at the club itself. The date has yet to be fixed.

Meanwhile, Steve Bruce, the Norwich captain, will today demand a meeting with Chase to sort out his future.

Bruce is at the centre of a triangle involving Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and Rangers, who are all rumoured to be ready to pay £750,000 for the England B international.

● Dave McPherson, Hearts' record signing from Rangers during the summer, yesterday became the latest uncapped player to earn promotion to Scotland's international squad. The central defender, aged 23, was called into Andy Roxburgh's squad for the European championship game in Luxembourg on Wednesday following another spate of withdrawals.

Everton lacking the final touch

By Ian Ross

Everton................................ 0
Oxford United 0

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, said last week that certain sides were not treated with the respect they deserve. In referring thus to Oxford United, whom Everton were expected to beat easily at Goodison Park on Saturday, Harvey was reiterating the widely held belief that there is no such thing as an easy game in the first division.

Harvey is capable of shielding his true feelings from public scrutiny even when the occasion cries out for a display of emotions, and by using the self-mocking humour for which he is reknowned he held himself in check throughout a brief post-match press conference.

However, when a fellow journalist pointed out to him that many goalscoring chances had been wasted not only against Oxford but also in the previous home League game against West Ham United, he touched on an evidently tender nerve. Harvey, having fixed his questioner in a steely glare, said: "You saw it, so you write it."

Harvey interpreted the comment as a criticism of Sharp and Heath, the forwards he has been forced to defend almost on a daily basis over the past few weeks. Although his faith in his players is commendable there is no doubt that had Everton possessed a Lineker or a Rush within their ranks Oxford would have been beaten quite comfortably.

Yet nobody could begrudge Oxford the point they earned with a magnificent defensive display. Despite being forced to defend for almost the entire 90 minutes they would have claimed an unlikely victory had Saunders not squandered the afternoon's two most inviting openings.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P Van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp, I Snodin (sub: I Wilson), K Sheedy.

OXFORD UNITED: P Hucker; D Bardsley, J Dreyer, G Shelton, R Hill, T Caton, T Hebberd, W Whitehurst, D Saunders, L Philips, P Rhoades-Brown.

Referee: T Mills.

Millwall gain ground on promotion rivals

By Vince Wright

Millwall................................ 2
Hull City 0

Millwall are the only League club in London never to have played in the first division, but that could soon change. The team and its supporters are in buoyant mood which can only have been improved by Saturday's victory — the fifth in a row.

The result enabled Millwall to gain ground on their promotion rivals and a win at home to Reading tomorrow will put them third. This is a welcome change from last season when slender resources resulted in Millwall having to struggle to avoid relegation. Since then the directors have coughed up and the manager, John Docherty, has spent wisely on new players.

There is an unfamiliar look about the top of the second division with Middlesbrough and Bradford City first and second respectively, and Crystal Palace and Millwall in challenging positions. Hull, who lie fourth, are no more fashionable than Millwall and their placing reflects well on their manager, Brian Horton.

Few visitors relish a trip to The Den and in the battle between the Lions and the Tigers, the Lions roared louder. Hull fought gamely but were subdued by Sheringham's flashing drive on the turn which gave Millwall the lead after 61 minutes and then silenced when the Welsh international goalkeeper, Norman, allowed a centre by Byrne to slip from his grasp and roll over the line after 77 minutes.

The goals appeased the crowd who were angered by the referee's refusal to award Millwall two penalties in the first half.

In a match that was a credit to the second division, Coleman rescued Millwall after Dyer had beaten Horne but Hull's best chance was wasted by Bunn who crashed a shot against the underside of the bar when just a touch would surely have brought an equalizer.

MILLWALL: B Horn; D Salman, N Coleman, K Stevens, A Walker, A McLeary, D Byrne, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, J Carter.

HULL CITY: A Norman; C Palmer, R Daniel, R Jobson, P Skipper, G Parker, G Roberts, F Bunn, A Dyer, W Askew, N Williams (sub: A Saville).

Referee: J Carter.

Brightening up a Monday morning

By George Ace

Sammy McQuiston returns to his classroom at Harpur's Hill Primary School, Coleraine, this morning, a hero, after making a fairy-tale comeback in Irish League football and scoring the winner for Coleraine in Saturday's Roadferry League Cup Final at the Oval, Belfast. His team beat Portadown 1-0 in extra time.

"That's it; I'll fade back into the woodwork and leave this game to the young lads," McQuiston said after his first match of the season. "I did the 'Super Sub' stuff last season because I have a bad back complaint. I decided to go into semi-retirement, but I had an agreement with the manager, Jim Platt, and agreed to help out in an emergency."

McQuiston, who bagged a beauty in the 107th minute to floor the more polished Portadown, was taking part in his eleventh cup final!

He said: "I am astonished I lasted so long in the game because I did no training this season. I agreed to help Jim out when Barry McCreadie had to withdraw from the final

"But Jim coaxed me to start the game and kept me out there right through most of extra time. But I am glad I did it, even though my thighs were killing me. Three minutes after I scored the goal I dragged myself off."

● The Republic of Ireland will meet Switzerland in an international in either Zurich or Berne on March 23 next year

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WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League
First division

Chelsea	1	Wimbledon	1
Coventry	0	West Ham	0
Everton	0	Oxford Utd	0
Newcastle	2	Charlton	1
Norwich	0	Portsmouth	1
Sheffield Wed	3	QPR	1
Southampton	1	Derby	2
Tottenham	0	Liverpool	2
Watford	2	Arsenal	0

Postponed: Nottingham Forest v Luton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	16	12	4	0	39	8	40
Arsenal	17	11	2	4	30	13	35
QPR	17	9	5	3	22	16	32
Nottm For	15	9	3	3	31	14	30
Everton	17	8	5	4	25	12	29
Man Utd	16	6	8	2	26	18	26
Chelsea	17	8	2	7	26	27	26
Wimbledon	17	6	6	5	24	21	24
Southmptn	17	6	5	6	24	24	23
Derby Cnty	16	6	5	5	15	15	23
Tottenham	18	6	4	8	17	21	22
Oxford	17	6	4	7	20	25	22
Luton	16	6	3	7	22	19	21
West Ham	17	4	7	6	18	22	19
Coventry	17	5	4	8	19	27	19
Newcastle	16	4	6	6	18	25	18
Sheff Wed	17	5	3	9	18	30	18
Portsmth	17	4	5	8	15	33	17
Watford	17	4	4	9	11	22	16
Norwich	18	3	3	12	12	26	12
Charlton	17	2	4	11	16	30	10

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet	5	Wealdstone	1
Boston	2	Bath	0
Fisher	0	Northwich	0
Kettering	1	Altrincham	2
Kidderminster	1	Dagenham	1
Macclesfield	1	Cheltenham	0
Stafford	2	Maidstone	3
Sutton Utd	4	Lincoln	1
Telford	4	Enfield	0
Welling	1	Runcorn	1
Weymouth	0	Wycombe	0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 5, Matlock 0; Buxton 1, Gateshead 1; Frickley 3, Oswestry 1; Horwich 1, Mossley 0; Hyde 1, Worksop 1; Marine 1, South Liverpool 0; Southport 2, Chorley 3; Witton 3, Goole 1; Workington 2, Gainsborough 3. First division: Farsley 3, Curzon Ashton 2; Harrogate 1, Winsford 0; Irlam 0, Eastwood Hanley 0; Leek 3, Lancaster 1; Penrith 1, Alfreton 0; Sutton Town 2, Netherfield 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 0, Slough 3; Bishop's Stortford 2, Wokingham 0; Bromley 4, Farnborough 2; Croydon 1, Harrow 2; Dulwich 1, Leyton-Wingate 3; Hayes 3, Kingstonian 1; Hendon 1, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Hitchin 1, Carshalton 0 (abandoned after 48 mins: fog); Leytonstone/Ilford 1, St Albans 0; Windsor and Eton 2, Bognor 2; Yeovil 0, Barking 0. First division: Billericay 0, Hampton 0; Bracknell 3, Woking 2; Chesham 0, Staines 4; Leatherhead 1, Basildon 3; Oxford City 3, Borehamwood 1; Walton and Hersham 1, Kingsbury 1; Wembley 3, Grays 3; Wolverton 2, Uxbridge 0; Worthing 0, Walthamstow 3. Second division north: Aveley 0, Letchworth GC 2; Berkhamsted 1, Wivenhoe 1; Collier Row 1, Ware 1; Finchley 1, Harlow 1; Haringey Borough 0, Royston 5; Hemel Hempstead 2, Saffron Walden 0; Heybridge 1, Hertford 0; Hornchurch 2, Vauxhall Motors 2, Rainham 1, Clapton 1; Tilbury 2, Barton 2; Witham 0, Tring 5. Second division south: Camberley 1, Banstead 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Ruislip 2; Feltham 0, Chertsey 2; Harefield 0, Metropolitan Police 1; Molesey 0, Epsom and Ewell 0; Newbury 3, Flackwell Heath 1; Petersfield 0, Whyteleafe 6; Yeading 1, Maidenhead United 1.

Second division

Birmingham	1	Ipswich	0
Bradford	2	Aston Villa	4
C Palace	3	Leeds	0
Huddersfield	1	Leicester	0
Middlesbrough	2	Barnsley	0
Millwall	2	Hull	0
Oldham	0	Plymouth	1
Reading	0	Blackburn	0
Shrewsbury	0	Stoke	3
Swindon	4	Bournemouth	2
West Bromwich	1	Manchester C	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbro	21	13	4	4	33	14	43
Bradford	21	13	4	4	36	21	43
Aston Villa	21	10	7	4	31	19	37
Hull	21	10	7	4	29	20	37
Crystal Pal	20	11	3	6	42	28	36
Ipswich	21	10	6	5	27	17	36
Millwall	20	11	3	6	33	25	36
Man City	20	9	6	5	45	27	33
Birmingham	21	9	6	6	24	28	33
Blackburn	20	8	7	5	25	21	31
Barnsley	21	8	5	8	29	27	29
Swindon	19	8	4	7	35	29	28
Leeds Utd	21	6	8	7	23	30	26
Stoke	21	7	5	9	18	26	26
Plymouth	21	6	6	9	32	36	24
Leicester	20	6	4	10	29	29	22
WBA	21	6	4	11	27	35	22
Sheff Utd	21	6	4	11	23	33	22
Bournemth	20	5	5	10	28	33	20
Shrewsbury	21	3	7	11	17	31	16
Oldham	19	4	4	11	14	28	16
Huddersfld	20	3	6	11	22	47	15
Reading	19	3	5	11	18	34	14

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Final: Coleraine 1, Portadown 0 (aet).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 2, Manchester United 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Luton 5, Crystal Palace 0; West Ham 1, Reading 0.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay: Whitley Bay 1, Spennymoor 1 (aet).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 3, Willenhall 0; Cambridge City 1, Bromsgrove 2 (abandoned after 80 mins: fog); Chelmsford 2, Gosport 1; Dartford 2, Dorchester 1; Fareham 0, Crawley 2; Redditch 1, Corby 2; Witney 0, VS Rugby 2. Midland division: Banbury 2, Trowbridge 0; Buckingham 2, Coventry Sporting 2; Dudley 1, Moor Green 0 (at Stourbridge); Gloucester 2, Paget 2; King's Lynn 3, Forest Green 2; Mile Oak 0, Grantham 1; Sutton Coldfield 2, Hednesford 1; Wellingborough 5, Bridgnorth 1. Southern division: Andover 5, Sheppey 1; Bury 4, Chatham 2; Corinthian 3, Canterbury 0; Dunstable 3, Ruislip 0; Folkestone 0, Thanet 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 0, Salisbury 0; Hounslow 2, Dover 5; Poole 2, Erith and Belvedere 2; Tonbridge 1, Burnham 0; Waterlooville 1, Baldock 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 2, Saltash 3; Clevedon 1, Mangotsfield 1; Dawlish 2, Bideford 5; Frome 0, Chippenham 1; Melksham 2, Minehead 2; Plymouth Argyle 5, Swanage and Herston 2; Taunton 1, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Weston-super-Mare 3, Clandown 1; Liskeard 1, Radstock 0. Postponed: Bristol City v Torrington.

LANCASHIRE ATS TROPHY: First round: Atherton LR 1, Leyland Motors 3; Clitheroe 1, Skelmersdale 1; Daisy Hill 4, Radcliffe 1; Wren 2, Atherton Collieries 2.

Third division

Aldershot	1	Rotherham	3
Blackpool	3	Northampton	1
Brighton	1	Notts Co	1
Bristol R	4	Grimsby	2
Chester	1	Chesterfield	1
Doncaster	0	Brentford	1
Fulham	0	Preston	1
Gillingham	3	Bury	3
Sunderland	2	Port Vale	1
Walsall	2	Mansfield	1
Wigan	1	Bristol C	1
York	0	Southend	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderlnd	20	11	6	3	40	19	39
Notts Cnty	20	10	7	3	37	23	37
Walsall	20	10	7	3	30	18	37
Northmptn	20	9	7	4	32	19	34
Fulham	19	10	3	6	30	15	33
Brighton	20	8	9	3	28	20	33
Brentford	20	9	5	6	23	24	32
Bury	20	8	7	5	31	24	31
Wigan	19	8	6	5	29	28	30
Blackpool	19	8	5	6	28	19	29
Chester	19	7	7	5	25	27	28
Gillingham	20	6	9	5	43	24	27
Bristol City	19	7	6	6	31	32	27
Port Vale	19	7	5	7	24	19	26
Bristol R	20	7	5	8	35	35	26
Mansfield	19	6	5	8	21	22	23
Rotherham	20	5	8	7	25	28	23
Aldershot	18	7	2	9	30	38	23
Chesterfld	20	6	3	11	15	36	21
Grimsby	20	5	4	11	24	31	19
Preston	20	4	7	9	15	27	19
Doncaster	19	5	2	12	15	34	15
Southend	20	3	5	12	25	50	14
York	20	1	6	13	20	43	9

● Doncaster deducted two points by League.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland 3, South Bank 1; Brandon 1, Shildon 2; Consett 0, Crook 0; Easington 0, Newcastle Blue Star 3; Tow Law 2, Gretna 0; Whitby 3, North Shields 2. Postponed: Chester-le-Street v Blyth Spartans; Ferryhill v Whitley Bay; Ryhope CA v Guisborough Town.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kirkby 2, Prescot Cables 0; Salford 1, St Helens 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity 0, Thackley 0; Emley 3, Brigg 0; Grimethorpe MW 1, North Ferriby 1; Guiseley 0, Bridlington Town 3; Hatfield Main 1, Hallam 1 (Abandoned); Harrogate Railway 4, Denaby 1; Pontefract Collieries 2, Armthorpe Welfare 5.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 1, Charlton 2; Fulham 2, Cambridge 0; Gillingham 2, Millwall 2; Ipswich 1, Norwich 2; Portsmouth 2, Southend 3, Queen's Park Rangers 0, Watford 1; Tottenham 4, Chelsea 0; West Ham 0, Leyton Orient 0. Second division: Brighton 0, Tottenham 2; Bristol Rovers 1, Bournemouth 0; Colchester 2, Northampton 2; Wimbledon 4, Swindon 0. Postponed: Crystal Palace v Southampton.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods 2, Old Cholmeleians 2; Old Carthusians 3, Old Foresters 2; Old Malvernians 1, Old Reptonians 0. First division: Old Harrovians 3, Citizens 1.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Cheadle 1, Christleton 0; Congleton 3, Nantwich 1; Warrington 1, Ellesmere Port and Neston 0 (aet).

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second round: Surrey 0, Hampshire 1.

Fourth division

Bolton	2	Cambridge	2
Cardiff	1	Hartlepool	1
Carlisle	3	Torquay	3
Hereford	0	Leyton Orient	3
Peterborough	5	Burnley	0
Rochdale	1	Scarborough	1
Scunthrpe	1	Swansea	2
Wolves	0	Wrexham	2

Postponed: Darlington v Exeter.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	20	11	4	5	35	20	37
Leyton O	20	10	6	4	47	27	36
Cardiff	20	10	5	5	28	23	35
Torquay	20	10	4	6	31	20	34
Colchester	20	10	4	6	27	20	34
Scarboro	20	9	6	5	29	21	33
Bolton	19	9	5	5	27	18	32
Scunthorpe	20	8	7	5	33	27	31
Hartlepool	20	8	6	6	27	24	30
Burnley	20	9	3	8	21	30	30
Swansea	20	9	2	9	29	28	29
Crewe	20	6	10	4	30	26	28
Cambridge	20	8	4	8	25	22	28
Peterboro	19	8	4	7	23	21	28
Darlington	19	7	5	7	30	30	26
Exeter	18	7	4	7	28	23	25
Halifax	20	7	5	8	26	27	25
Wrexham	20	7	3	10	23	27	24
Hereford	20	6	5	9	15	24	23
Stockport	20	6	3	11	18	26	21
Carlisle	20	6	3	11	33	45	21
Tranmere	19	6	2	11	21	24	18
Rochdale	20	3	6	11	19	46	15
Newport	20	3	2	15	16	42	11

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Carshalton 1, Malden Vale 6; Chobham 1, Cobham 1; Cove 2, Hartley Wintney 0; Egham 3, Godalming 0; Merstham 2, Dorking 8.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Bexhill 2, Selsey 4; Burgess Hill 3, Brighton Reserves 4; Littlehampton 2, Ferring 0; Midhurst and Easebourne 2, Chichester 1; Peacehaven and Telscombe 2, Langney 2; Shoreham 4, Bosham 0; Southwick 2, Seaford 0; Steyning 0, Eastbourne United 5; Storrington 1, Lancing 3.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Derry City 6, Bray Wanderers 0; Dundalk 3, Cork City 1; Galway United 1, Bohemians 1; St Patrick's Athletic 2, Shelbourne 1; Shamrock Rovers 2, Limerick City 0; Waterford United 3, Sligo Rovers 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: (Friday) Marseille 1, Bordeaux 0. (Saturday) Toulouse 2, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Matra Racing 1, Laval 0; Nantes 2, St Etienne 3; Nice 2, Brest 0; Metz 3, Lille 1; Auxerre 0, Toulon 0; Lens 0, Cannes 0; Le Havre 0, Monaco 0; Montpellier 1, Niort 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, played 21, 31pts; 2, Matra Racing, 21, 27; 3, Bordeaux, 21, 26.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: (Friday) Cologne 4, Karlsruhe 0. (Saturday) FC Homburg 2, Stuttgart 2; Bayern Munich 1, Borussia Dortmund 3; Waldhof Mannheim 1, Bayer Leverkusen 4; Nuremberg 3, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 3, Bochum 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Kaiserslautern 2; Werder Bremen 1, Hanover 0; Schalke 1, Hamburg SV 0. Leading positions: 1, Cologne, played 18, 28pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 17, 28; 3, Bayern Munich, 18, 26.

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

Dundee Utd	1	Dundee	3
Dunfermline	0	Aberdeen	3
Hibernian	0	Celtic	1
Motherwell	1	Morton	0
Rangers	3	Hearts	2
St Mirren	2	Falkirk	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	22	14	6	2	41	15	34
Hearts	22	14	5	3	44	19	33
Aberdeen	21	10	9	2	29	12	29
Rangers	21	12	4	5	39	15	28
Dundee	21	11	4	6	38	27	26
Dundee Utd	22	7	7	8	23	29	21
St Mirren	22	6	8	8	26	29	20
Hibernian	22	6	8	8	24	27	20
Motherwell	22	6	2	14	14	31	14
Falkirk	21	4	5	12	24	42	13
Dunfrmline	22	4	5	13	18	44	13
Morton	22	2	5	15	19	49	9

First division

Airdrie	2	East Fife	1
Clyde	3	Dumbarton	4
Clydebank	0	Partick	3
Kilmarnock	1	Hamilton	0
Meadowbnk	5	Qn of South	0
Raith Rovers	0	Forfar	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	23	12	5	6	39	25	29
Airdrie	23	11	6	6	42	33	28
Meadowbk	23	10	7	6	40	27	27
Clyde	23	11	4	8	53	39	26
Raith R	23	12	2	9	47	39	26
Forfar	23	7	9	7	38	33	23
Clydebank	23	10	3	10	28	33	23
Dumbarton	23	7	7	9	30	40	21
Queen Sth	23	7	7	9	32	44	21
Kilmarnck	23	8	3	12	30	35	19
Partick	23	6	7	10	34	43	19
East Fife	23	5	4	14	29	51	14

Second division

Albion Rovers	0	Cowdenbeath	0
Arbroath	1	Alloa	1
Ayr	1	Brechin	2
E Stirling	0	Queens Park	1
Montrose	4	Berwick	0
Stirling Alb	0	St Johnstone	6
Stranraer	2	Stenhousemuir	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr Utd	18	14	2	2	48	13	30
Brechin	18	11	5	2	29	14	27
St Johnstne	18	10	6	2	33	10	26
Queens Park	18	10	3	5	32	22	23
Stirling A	18	7	5	6	24	27	19
Montrose	18	8	2	8	24	24	18
Arbroath	18	6	6	6	31	32	18
Albion R	18	6	5	7	22	30	17
Alloa	18	6	3	9	26	25	15
E Stirling	18	4	7	7	18	23	15
Stenhsmuir	18	5	5	8	20	27	15
Cowdenbth	18	2	8	8	23	41	12
Stranraer	18	3	5	10	20	35	11
Berwick	18	2	2	14	13	40	6

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Avellino 1, Como 1; Cesena 1, Verona 0; Empoli 0, Milan 0; Internazionale 1, Napoli 1; Juventus 1, Ascoli 0; Pescara 2, Torino 2; Pisa 2, Fiorentina 1; Sampdoria 0, Roma 0. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 10, 17pts; 2, Milan, 10, 14; 3, Juventus, 10, 14.

SPANISH LEAGUE: (Saturday) Real Zaragoza 2, Atlético Madrid 2.

Yesterday

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army 2, Territorial Army 1 (at Aldershot).

POOLS CHECK

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CRICKET: CAPTAIN LEADS FROM THE FRONT AS WEST INDIES WIN FIRST TEST BY FIVE WICKETS

Century by Richards puts paid to Indians

New Delhi (AP) — Fuelled by the powerful batting of their captain, Vivian Richards, West Indies beat India by five wickets in the first Test match here yesterday. Set to score 276, West Indies easily overcame India with a day and a half to spare, reaching their target in 84 overs.

At the close Richards was 109 not out. It was his 21st century in 89 tests, the seventh against India.

Richards told reporters he expected a harder fight: "It is not easy to make a total of 250 or more in the fourth innings."

West Indies made little early improvement on their overnight 80 for two, as India captured two quick wickets. Winston Davis was caught off Arshad Ayub, the spinner, at silly point by Chanderkant Pandit with the score on 91; then Kapil Dev had Richie Richardson caught by Raman Lamba at point.

The visitors were 111 for four when Richards began a profitable partnership with Gus Logie that added 92. Logie hit 46, then was leg before wicket to Ayub. Richards's 109 included 13 boundaries. He reached his century in 156 minutes off 102 balls.

The victory put West Indies one up in the five-match series. It was their 23rd win over India in 55 Test matches played. India has won only five, with 27 games ending in a draw.

● Dilip Vengsarkar, who led India in the first Test match, has been confirmed as captain for the remaining three Tests and eight one-day matches. The Bombay stalwart, who showed that captaincy was not an unwanted burden with a fine century in India's second innings, had originally been named captain only for the first two Tests and the first one-day international.

INDIA: First Innings: 75 (B P Patterson 5 for 24).
Second Innings: 327 (D B Vengsarkar 102, K S More 49; C A Walsh 5 for 54).

WEST INDIES: First Innings: 127 (D L Haynes 45; Chetan Sharma 5 for 55).

Second Innings	
G C Greenidge lbw b Ayub	33
D L Haynes hit wkt b Ayub	27
R B Richardson c Lamba b Kapil	31
W W Davis c sub b Ayub	1
*I V A Richards not out	109
A L Logie lbw b Ayub	46
†P J L Dujon not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 7)	17
Total (5 wkts)	276

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-69, 3-81, 4-111, 5-203.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 20-8-44-1; Sharma 11-1-44-0; Maninder 20-4-75-0; Ayub 25-4-72-4; Shastri 9-2-30-0; Lal 0.3-0-1-0.

Apoel ban relaxed

Apoel Nicosia, the Cypriot football club, have had a two-year European ban halved by UEFA. The club, which refused to play Besiktas, the Turkish club, in the Cup Winners' Cup in 1986, will be eligible in the 1988-89 season.

Victorious: Viv Richards celebrates a West Indies triumph

More runs for Crowe in second innings

Adelaide (Reuter) — Martin Crowe followed his first-innings 144 with an unbeaten half-century on the third day of New Zealand's four-day match against South Australia yesterday.

Crowe made 56 in a stand of 89 for the seventh wicket with Bracwell (41 not out) before his brother, Jeff, declared the touring team's second innings at 267 for six, setting South Australia a target of 386.

By the close the state side had reduced that target by 65 for the loss of Hilditch's wicket. He was run out for 10 when he failed to beat Rutherford's throw from cover.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First Innings: 360 for seven dec (M D Crowe 144, A H Jones 65).

Second Innings	
K R Rutherford lbw b Smart	22
J G Wright lbw b Gladigau	39
A H Jones lbw b Gladigau	26
*J J Crowe c Hilditch b Sleep	21
D N Patel c Gladigau b May	35
J G Bracewell not out	41
†I D S Smith c Gladigau b May	18
M D Crowe not out	56
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 4)	9
Total (6 wkts dec)	267

R J Hadlee, E J Gray and M C Snedden did not bat.

FALL: 1-36, 2-64, 3-95, 4-148, 5-153, 6-178.

BOWLING: Gladigau 12-6-26-2; George 16-1-66-0; Smart 7-1-29-1; May 26-5-85-2; Sleep 20-8-30-1; Haysman 6-1-26-0.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings	
G A Bishop c M Crowe b Chatfield	3
A M J Hilditch c Hadlee b Bracewell	34
M D Haysman c and b Bracewell	43
*D W Hookes c J Crowe b Bracewell	128
†W D Phillips lbw b Bracewell	0
P R Sleep b Bracewell	6
D O'Connor b Bracewell	13
T B A May run out	1
P W Gladigau b Patel	10
H Smart c J Crowe b Bracewell	1
S George not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 1)	3
Total	242

FALL: 1-10, 2-71, 3-103, 4-103, 5-131, 6-201, 7-216, 8-232, 9-242.

BOWLING: Hadlee 14-3-42-0; Chatfield 15-6-24-1; Snedden 13-2-42-0; Bracewell 31-4-98-7; Patel 14.3-4-36-1.

Second Innings	
A M J Hilditch run out	10
G A Bishop not out	46
M D Haysman not out	3
Extras (b 6)	6
Total (1 wkt)	65

FALL: 1-46.

BOWLING: Hadlee 10-2-33-0; Chatfield 5-1-16-0; Bracewell 5-2-10-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

Kenyon gets appetite back

From Colin McQuillan, Muscat

Philip Kenyon, who has struggled all season to find his true competitive rhythm, appears to have tapped a new vein of confidence in the Middle East — and it may all be due to the quality of potatoes in Pakistan and Oman.

In last night's opening round of the Al Falaj Grand Prix Tournament in Muscat, Kenyon defeated Anders Wahlstedt, of Sweden, 4-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-2 in 65 minutes of ascending certainty after dining on boiled new potatoes and brown sauce. A few days earlier in Karachi, he reached the semi-finals of the PIA Masters on a diet of curried potatoes and ice cream.

"I have to stock up on carbohydrates and potatoes are easy to digest before a match," Kenyon explained. "Some players have trouble with food and water in this part of the world, but I find potatoes do the trick."

At 31 year of age, Kenyon is as fit and fast as ever he was, but continued problems this year against young players such as Umar Hayat Khan, Paul Carter and Jason Nicolle had driven him increasingly into uninventive hacking tactics on the international circuit.

Wahlstedt, aged 23, started at great speed to grab the first game in Muscat, then went to 6-1 in the second. "But I cannot keep that pace up against these top players," he admitted.

Kenyon took hold of the match in that second game, feinting, disguising and placing the ball efficiently around the court with mounting superiority. "These are my sort of conditions I suppose, with the ball bouncing and running well." He will need all the command possible for the next round when he meets Jahangir Khan, the world No. 1.

SCHOOLS RUGBY UNION

Warwickshire hold the edge

By Michael Stevenson

Warwickshire Schools 26
Lancashire Schools 9

Warwickshire 18 group entertained Lancashire with the advantage of a couple of good wins behind them and their superior decisiveness proved crucial in a victory by two goals, two tries, and two penalties to a goal and a penalty in the Nuneaton mud.

Warwickshire made a tremendous start when their stand-off half, Mitchell, hoisted a high kick. Hutchings failed to gather and Mitchell touched down after four minutes. Boyle added a penalty, and Warwickshire's second try quickly followed.

Ridgway, the flanker, drove almost to the line where he was checked: but Roberts picked up and dived over for a good try which Boyle converted.

Immediately after half-time, Hutchings did well to kick a penalty for Lancashire out of the swamp on the right.

Warwickshire's next score had an element of luck; Mitchell chipped and, after the ball had bounced off Hutchings, Boyle hacked on and won the race for the touchdown before converting his own try. He added another penalty and Roberts stormed over for his second try.

SCORERS: Warwickshire: Tries: Mitchell, Roberts (2), Boyle. Conversions: Boyle (2). Penalties: Boyle (2). Lancashire: Try: O'Driscoll. Conversion: Hutchings. Penalty: Hutchings.

WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS: G Stanton (Warwick); A Timson (KEC Nuneaton), L Boyle (N Leamington), J Moffatt (Warwick), N Ward (Finham Pk); G Mitchell (Finham Pk), R Cooke (Warwick); P Hiatt (LSS), M Colebrook (Warwick), D Eagland (Mid Warks Coll), M Ridgway (N Leamington), C Watts (KEC Nuneaton), J Cox (KEC Nuneaton), G Edwards (Warwick).

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS: T Hutchings (Kirkham); J Delfarro (Cowley), S Dixon (Stonyhurst), J O'Loughlin (Sir John Rigby), S Hockey (Lancaster RGS); P Wilkinson (Cowley), G O'Driscoll (Stonyhurst); K Wilkinson (Kirkham), D Indo (Rossall), P Ribchester (Kirkham), J J Lee (Rossall) (rep: M Brier, King Edward's Lytham), S Beeley (Manchester GS), M Di Salvo (Hutton GS), J Lee (Merchant Taylors Crosby), N Sinclair (Kirkham).

Referee: J Fisher (Notts, Lincs and Derby).

Parr gets better of Cram

Steve Cram was beaten by Steve Parr at the Presto international cross-country meeting at the Riverside Bowl, Gateshead, on Saturday, and later admitted his hopes of making Britain's team for the world championship next spring in New Zealand were slim.

After experiencing the indignity of being beaten in a sprint finish by a fellow-Tynesider, Cram said: "I'd really like to have a go at the world championships, but it doesn't look likely that I'll make the team on this sort of form."

Cram, the European 1,500-metres champion, who has been exorcising the bitter memory of his world championship nightmare by competing in, and winning, a series of minor road races in fine style, was expected to have no problem in continuing his rehabilitation in his first major individual cross-country outing of the year. But after letting Parr, a stalwart of Gateshead Harriers during the halcyon days of Brendan Foster, Charlie Spedding and Barry Smith, get too far ahead on the last lap of the 4½-mile race, Cram's final spurt was not enough.

RESULTS: Men (4½ miles): 1, S Parr (Gateshead), 21min 23sec; 2, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn), 21:26; 3, M Hawkins (Bingley), 21:30. Team: Bingley, 47pts. Veterans (3½ miles): O/40: E Oxlade (Annadale), 17:25. O/45: R Highnam (Tynedale), 17:45. O/50: C Leigh (Wycombe), 17:44. Women (2½ miles): 1, J Hunter (Blaydon), 12:05; 2, S Vinall (Loughborough), 12:10; 3, H Titterington (Leicester), 12:14. Team: Leicester, 30pts.

● Gary Staines won a 12km international cross-country race in Canillejas, Madrid yesterday, beating, among others, Paul Kipkoech, who collected the gold medal for Kenya in the 10,000 metres at last summer's world track and field championships.

RESULTS (British unless stated): 1, G Staines, 32min 56sec; 2, E Martin, 32:59; 3, P Kipkoech (Ken), 33:01; 4, S Harris, 33:25, 5, A Masai (Ken), 33:48; 6, J Goater, 33:57, 7, Di Castro (Port), 33:59; 8, S Binns, 34:05; 9, L Horta (Port), 34:10; 10, C Reitz, 34:18

CYCLO-CROSS

Douce unable to hold off Kluge

By Peter Bryan

Steve Douce, Britain's national open champion, set the pace for two thirds of yesterday's Holdsworth Nations Cup race at Crystal Palace but finally succumbed to the superior strength of the world amateur champion, Mike Kluge, of West Germany.

The Briton led from the start with Kluge close up in company with the Pole, Edward Piech. The trio were to dominate the rest of the race ridden and run on a tricky one-mile circuit for one hour plus two laps.

Douce's consistent ride at the front was, he said, virtually forced on him. "I knew that the world champion would not be willing to show his face too early and I had to take my chance and try to get clear" he said. It was unfortunate that when Kluge decided the time was right to make his big effort that Douce could not react as swiftly as he would normally be capable of because of a fault in his gears.

Once clear, Kluge, a West Berliner, who has twice won the world title, began slowly to build up his advantage on Douce and Piech. From the tenth lap, when Kluge first went ahead, to the race end three laps later, he opened a gap of 20 seconds on Douce with Piech finishing third a further 41 seconds behind.

Behind the dominant trio developed an equally interesting and even keener struggle for valuable counting points in both the individual and team sections of the Nation's Cup. David Baker, aged 21, the North of England champion from Sheffield, finished fourth, and with Chris Young (fifth) and Tim Gould won the team prize.

RESULTS: Holdsworth Nation's Cup (approximately 13 miles): 1, M Kluge (WG), 1hr 8min 6sec; 2, S Douce (Raleigh-Banana), at 20sec; 3, E Piech (Pol), at 1.1sec; 4, D Baker (GB), at 2.29sec; 5, C Young (GB), same time; 6, P Kant (Netherlands), at 3.1sec. Teams: 1, Great Britain, 16pts; 2, Poland, 33; 3, Switzerland, 37.

TENNIS

The million-dollar men

West Palm Beach (Reuter) — Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, and Pat Cash, of Australia, contest the final of the $1 million (£555,500) Stakes Match exhibition as the top two money-winners after the second day of round-robin play. Lendl emerged on top with $333,600 (£185,300) and after two days play Cash was second with $250,600 (£139,200)

Money changed hands every time the ball was put in play during 15-point games. An ace was worth $2,000 (£1,100) and a double fault cost $2,000.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford broken by a Wigan try in the final seconds

By Keith Macklin

There was heartbreak for Salford and delight for **Oldham** as the underdogs shook the favourites in the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Trophy.

Salford fought back magnificently against **Wigan** at The Willows yesterday, and had the home crowd roaring as they levelled at 12-12 after being 12 points down. Austin missed a dropped goal attempt for Salford, and a replay seemed likely. Then, in the last seconds of the game, a break by Dermott sent Hanley away and he found Edwards coming up on the burst to score the try which broke the hearts of Salford and took Wigan into today's semi-final draw.

Wigan swept into their 12-point lead with tries from Edwards and Lydon and goals from Stephenson and Lydon, but in a marvellous second-half revival, Salford scored tries through Austin and Cairns. Worrall kicked two goals, including one long-distance penalty.

The result was poor reward for a great performance by Salford, who had to replace two suspended players, Glynn and Bullough. Ironically, their replacements, Bloor and Blease, had excellent games.

Oldham provided the one surprise result at Warrington. They tackled ferociously and threw the home side totally out of their stride.

Although a couple of penalties by Woods put Warrington ahead, Flanagan touched down for the second division leaders when Humphries fumbled near his own line. Walsh kicked two goals against a further success by Woods to give Oldham an 8-6 lead at half-time.

In the second half a fine break by Waddell set up a try for Round, a prolific scorer this season, and Walsh kicked a splendid goal from the touchline. Warrington attacked desperately but could only manage a try by Cullen and Oldham won 14-10.

St Helens coasted to a 14-2 lead against a **Hull** side apparently lacking in pace and ideas, but Hull raised their game in the second half and had the Saints hanging on desperately to win 26-16

Leeds survived a courageous challenge at Wigan to beat the gallant second division club **Springfield Borough** 22-12, with Creasser in outstanding form for the first division side.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Third round: Salford 12, Wigan 16; Springfield 12, Leeds 22; St Helens 20, Hull 16. Saturday: Warrington 10, Oldham 14.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 20, Bradford 12; Halifax 4, Widnes 19; Swinton 18, Hull KR 26. Second division: Barrow 20, Whitehaven 16; Dewsbury 4, Featherstone 15; Doncaster 8, Wakefield 26; Keighley 22, Batley 6; Rochdale 23, Bramley 20; Runcorn 20, Huddersfield 6; Sheffield 16, Fulham 6; Workington 14, Carlisle 2.

HOCKEY

Manning makes it safe for St Albans

By Sydney Friskin

Two third-round matches in the Association Cup were postponed and two abandoned in freezing fog yesterday but the remaining 12 of the 16 games survived. Southgate, the holders were leading **Firebrands** 2-0 at Parkside, Neasden, when play was stopped 12 minutes before the end because of poor visibility. Kerly had scored both goals for Southgate, one from a penalty stroke, a minute before half-time, the other in the fifteenth minute of the second half.

Old Loughtonians, at home, were leading Derby 3-0 when their match was called off late in the second half, Anderson and Morris having scored before the interval and Camilleri from a penalty stroke five minutes after play was resumed.

It was generally a good day, however, for London League clubs. **St Albans** moved into the fourth round with a 3-1 win at home over **Gore Court**. Manning scored for St Albans from a short corner in the tenth minute and Wright equalized five minutes later from a similar award. Rowley put St Albans 2-1 ahead after the goalkeeper had saved from Ferns and Manning again made the match safe midway in the second half from another short corner.

A goal by Dixon in the second half from a short corner gave **Hounslow** a 1-0 victory away at **Bishop's Stortford**. On the old artificial turf pitch at Crystal Palace, **Tulse Hill** defeated **Cheltenham** 1-0, Kim Clarke scoring in the 26th minute. Daubeney, **Richmond's** captain, saw them through when he scored the only goal of the match at home against **Old Tauntonians** from a short corner

Reading, however, lost 2-1 at home to **Welton** of Yorkshire, Byas scoring both goals from short corners for Welton, and Oscroft for Reading who made the score 1-1 also from a short corner. **Isca**, the West League champions, were beaten 2-1 away by **Harborne**.

RESULTS: Third round: Bishop's Stortford 0, Hounslow 1; Taunton Vale 2, Oxford Hawks 0; Tulse Hill 1, Cheltenham 0; Reading 1, Welton 2; Harborne 2, Isca 1; Coventry and North Warwickshire 3, Broxbourne 0; Westcliff 2, Alderley Edge 0; Warrington 3, Cannock 0; Preston 0, Liverpool Sefton 1; Richmond 1, Old Tauntonians 0; St Albans 3, Gore Court 1; Southgate 2, Firebrands 0 (abandoned, fog); Wakefield 0, Havant 2; Old Loughtonians 3, Derby 0 (abandoned, fog). Postponed: Slough v East Grinstead; Indian Gymkhana v Olton and West Warwickshire.

● **Maidenhead** achieved a victory over **Hounslow** after 24 years when they beat them 1-0 at home on Saturday

Irish decisive winners

Ireland retained their women's home countries indoor title by defeating a disappointing England 4-1 at Crystal Palace yesterday. England, needing only a draw, to take the title, had too many weak links and were guilty of costly slack play.

Ireland's superior teamwork was decisive and they won the battle for midfield space with Jackie Burns outstanding. Tracey Wilce opened the scoring for England, but Burns struck back immediately for a 1-1 score at half-time.

England frequently lost crucial possesion, and an interception and full-court run by Joanne Menown set up Maggie Hunter for Ireland's second, with Hunter and Orla Bell adding gift goals

RESULTS: Ireland 4, Wales 0; England 4, Scotland 2; England 6, Wales 0; Ireland 3, Scotland 1; Scotland 5, Wales 3; England 1, Ireland 4.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	3	3	0	0	11	2	6
England	3	2	0	1	11	5	4
Scotland	3	1	0	2	8	12	2
Wales	3	0	0	3	3	15	0

OLYMPIC GAMES

No-money threat to those who pull out

David Miller

Brunei

Any country which fails to accept the invitation for the Olympic Games in Seoul next summer will be ineligible to receive financial assistance through the Olympic Solidarity Fund during the period 1988-1992.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), made this intention clear during a two-day visit to the tiny state of Brunei in the South China Sea, a former British protectorate which gained full independence in 1984 and received recognition of its National Olympic Committee in November the same year.

The proposed penalty, which would most seriously affect any of the Third World countries, has to be ratified by the executive board, but Samaranch considers it must be part of the necessary disciplines which can keep the Olympic movement intact.

"The money available from the Olympic Solidarity Fund is created by the Olympic Games, by the countries who take part and make the occasion," he says. "If, in spite of receiving the offer of financial sponsorship for six competitors and two officials next summer from Olympic Solidarity, they do not attend, they do not deserve to be eligible for assistance in the following four years."

The total of subsidies granted by Olympic Solidarity during 1984-88 has been some $22 million (about £12.3 million), over 30 per cent of which has gone to African National Olympic Committees.

It is the third time in 10 days, during a Far East tour, that Samaranch has stressed matters of discipline. While in Tokyo he told a conference of international coaches and sports scientists that they were as much or even more responsible than competitors for eliminating cheating by the use of drugs. And when interviewed by the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation he stated that any country boycotting the Seoul Games — that is, accepting the invitation by January 17 and subsequently withdrawing — would not be invited to the next Games in Barcelona in 1992.

Bold statements of principle

These are bold statements of principle. It remains to be seen whether, in the event of positive dope tests, boycotts or absenteeism, Samaranch will be able to carry the weight of his executive board and IOC members necessary to enforce the proposed disciplines.

The executive board has the opportunity to endorse the third point, stated here, at their meeting in Lousanne in two weeks' time.

The difficulties which confront Samaranch in turning words into deeds are several. The first is that NOCs who either boycott a Games or refrain from entering usually do so under the instruction of government. For the NOC then to be punished by the withdrawal of financial assistance would be a double blow and could even force smaller members out of existence.

Yet it is imperative that governments be shown that they cannot play political chess with sport.

Furthermore, the Solidarity Fund is controlled by its own commission and this is composed of the full board of the Association of National Olympic Committees (representing 167 members), three IOC vice-presidents and representatives of the International Federations: in total nearly 30. They are bound to resist such impositions.

Brunei officials confirmed here that Prince Suffri, brother of the ruling Sultan and the president of its NOC, has agreed to the acceptance of the invitation for next summer and that this will be dispatched shortly. Brunei is anxious to receive Solidarity assistance in the form of coaching and administrative seminars in order to develop its narrow base of only one per cent of the population of 240,000 at present involved in competitive sport.

It is anxious to be a candidate to stage the South-East Asia Games in 1991, when a rival is likely to be Manila.

MOTOR SPORT

Donnelly breezes in

Macau — The backlash of typhoon Nina, the monsoon that is active near Hong Kong, failed to stop Martin Donnelly in yesterday's Macau Formula Three Grand Prix on the streets of this Portuguese colony (a Special Correspondent writes).

The Ulsterman dominated Thursday's practice session in his Ralt-TOMS. And his rivals were denied a chance to retaliate when Friday's session was cancelled as the typhoon arrived.

However, despite biting winds, the race went yesterday, albeit as one 20-lap event instead of the scheduled two 15-lap heats. Donnelly led from start to finish, to beat his Jan Lammers, of The Netherlands. Crashes on the first lap ruined the chances of last year's winner, Andy Wallace, of Britain, and his fellow-countryman Johnny Herbert.

PLACINGS: 1, M Donnelly (GB), Ralt RT31, 48min 33.82sec, 93.9mph; 2, J Lammers (Neth), Ralt RT31, 48:41.28; 3, B Schneider (WG), Dallara 387, 49:11.35. Fastest lap: Schneider, 2:23.05.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GATESHEAD: Presto international cross-country meeting (4½ miles): 1, S Parr (Gateshead), 21min 23sec; 2, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn), 21.26; 3, M Hawkins (Bingley), 21.30. Team: Bingley, 47pts. Veterans (3½ miles): O/40: E Oxlade (Annadale), 17.25. O/45. R Highnam (Tynedale), 17.45. O/50: C Leigh (Wycombe), 17.44. Women (2½ miles): 1, J Hunter (Blaydon), 12.05; 2, S Vinall (Loughborough), 12.10; 3, H Titterington (Leicester), 12.14. Team: Leicester, 30pts.

PARLIAMENT HILL: Greater London cross country championships (8 miles): 1, C Walker (Gateshead), 32min 15sec; 2, N Martyn (Highgate), 32.18; 3, J Leversedge (Haringey), 32.23. Team: Highgate, 33pts. Veteran: M Puddifoot (Shaftesbury Barnet), 32.28. Women (3 miles): 1, K Fitzgibbon (London Olympiades), 18.44; 2, K Bannigham (Shaftesbury Barnet), 18.51sec. Team: Shaftesbury Barnet, 29pts.

WIMBLEDON COMMON: Inter-club 7½-miles cross country: P O'Brien (Bank of England), 39min 07sec. Team: Hercules Wimbledon, 76pts. Veteran: M Fuller (Hercules Wimbledon), 42.21.

MILTON KEYNES: Wolverton 5-mile road race: 1, M Hula (Bristol), 23min 33sec; 2, G Spring (Luton), 23.38; 3, M Cadman (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 23.42. Team: Oxford City, 30pts. Veterans: O/40: G Ayre (Bedford), 26.02. O/45: R Bren (Vauxhall Motors), 27.00. O/50: T Layboum (Milton Keynes), 27.19. Women: L Dewhurst (Milton Keynes), 27.15.

BOURNEMOUTH: 10-mile race: 1, S Tuck (Bournemouth), 50min 37sec; 2, G Bath (Salisbury), 50.44; 3, D Pearson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 51.12. Veteran: B Smith (Bournemouth) 52.56. Team: Bournemouth, 15. Women: 1, A White (Bournemouth), 61.45.

BADMINTON

GILLINGHAM: Carlton Vauxhall Challenge: Vikings bt Cavaliers, 5-1. Singles: S Baddeley (Cavaliers) bt P Gunnar Jonsson (Vikings), 15-9, 15-11; M Frost (Vikings) bt N Yates (Cavaliers), 15-9, 15-4. Doubles: M Kjeldsen and Gunnar Jonsson (Vikings) bt W Gilliland and D Travers (Cavaliers), 15-8, 15-8.

BOWLS

INDOOR MATCHES: Worthing: Sussex 95, Mid Sussex 100. Portsmouth: Hampshire 107, Berkshire 121; Bristol: Somerset 118, Oxfordshire 118.

HONG KONG: International Lawn Pairs championship: Quarter-finals: Ireland (W Watson and E Parkinson) bt England (W Richards and J Ottaway), 21-10; Filipino Club, Hongkong (R Au and T Maki) bt Canada (W Boettger and R Jones), 16-14; Scotland (B Middlemass and R Corsie) bt New Zealand (P Belliss and R Brassey), 21-14; Australia (P Richards and T Baldwin) bt Wales (T Mounty and A McCarley), 18-13. Semi-finals: Scotland bt Australia, 17-16; Ireland bt Filipino Club, Hongkong, 27-17. Final: Scotland bt Ireland, 27-10.

ELY: Embassy World Indoor Singles championship: First qualifying round: D Cutler (Plymouth CS) bt J Bell (Cumbria), 0-7, 7-5, 7-2; G Smith (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt D Ward (North Walsham), 7-3, 7-2; A Thomson (Cyphers) bt M Biggs (Thamesdown Swindon), 7-5, 7-1; W Hobart (Boston) bt S Halmai (Paddington), 7-5, 7-3. Second round: Smith bt Cutler 7-3, 7-5; Thomson bt Hobart, 7-6, 3-7, 7-0. Smith and Thomson qualify.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Final positions: 1, U Freuler (Switz) and D Thurau (WG), 183pts; 2, R Hermann (Liech) and A Doyle (GB), 137; 3, V Diehl and R Guenther (WG), 72.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Saturday: New York Knicks 105, Cleveland Cavaliers 93; Atlanta Hawks 124, San Antonio Spurs 100, Indiana Pacers 131, Seattle Supersonics 115, Washington Bullets 124, Detroit Pistons 102; Chicago Bulls 98, Houston Rockets 86; Milwaukee Bucks 112, Boston Celtics 97; Denver Nuggets 106, Dallas Mavericks 98; Sacramento Kings 115, Philadelphia 76ers 114. Friday: Boston Celtics 117, Seattle SuperSonics 112; Detroit Pistons 143, San Antonio Spurs 111; Indiana Pacers 88, Atlanta Hawks 86; Dallas Mavericks 94, Chicago Bulls 93; Phoenix Suns 113, New Jersey Nets 107; Utah Jazz 118, Houston Rockets 96; Los Angeles Lakers 127, Denver Nuggets 119, Portland Trail Blazers 97, Los Angeles Clippers 87, Golden State Warriors 109, Philadelphia 76ers.

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final: Polycell Kingston 109 (Bontrager 34, Clark 30, Davis 19), Leicester Riders 91 (Young 26, Vaughan 26, Cavanagh 14).

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Bolton-Bury Giants 89, Sunderland 76ers 88. Hemel-Watford Royals 85, Sharp Manchester Utd 116; Bracknell Tigers 80, Draper Tools Solent 81.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: London Jets 63, Polycell Kingston 71; Nottingham Wildcats 53, Crystal Palace 65.

JUNIOR NATIONAL CUP: Semi-finals: Brixton Topcats 83, Sharp Manchester Utd 92; Birmingham Bullets 80, East London Royals 92.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's division: JHB Oil Plymouth 85, Brixton Topcats 95; Financial Matters Worthing 117, Stevenage 96; HE Gateshead 101, Cardiff 54.

LACROSSE

BRINE LEAGUE (Saturday's results): Northern: First division: Cheadle 9, Old Waconians 3, Old Hulmeians 7, Stockport 6; Rochdale 20, Heaton Mersey 16, Sheffield University 16, Sale 8. Southern: First division: Purley 16, Oxford University 6. Second division: Beckenham 11, Croydon 6.

BOXING

JOHANNESBURG: Heavyweight bout: Mike Weaver (US) bt Johnny Du Plooy (SA), ret 6th.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: WBA Junior Featherweight title (12rds): Julio Gervacio (Dom Rep) bt Louie Espinoza (US), pts.

ORISTANO, Sardinia: Junior WBC welterweight title (12rds): Efisio Galici (It) bt Eduardo Batista (Dom Rep), rsc 2nd.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: WBC light-heavyweight title (12rds): Don Lalonde (Can) bt Eddie Davis (US), rsc 2nd.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark: CBC International amateur tournament: Light-flyweight: R Marcello (Cub) bt E Villegas (Sp), pts. Fly: R Gonzales (Cub) w.o. Johnny Bredahl (Den). Bantam: R Breitbarth (EG) bt J Jensen (Den), pts. Feather: K Kirkorov (Bul) bt Jimmy Bredahl (Den), 4-1. Light: A Zuelow (EG) bt M Carruth (Ire), 5-0. Light-welter: G Heredia (Cub) bt J Rajc (Austria), 3-2. Welter: S Sabor (USSR) bt V Walden (Fin), 5-0. Light-middle: E Richter (EG) bt J Hernandez (Cub), 3-2. Middle: O Gram (Can) bt K Bryant (US), 3-2. Light-heavy: N Madsen (Den) bt N Laskov (Bul), KO 2nd. Heavy: M Haydeck (EG) bt R Mercer (US), pts. Super-heavy: U Kaden (EG) bt S Hervieux (Can), rsc 3rd.

TABLE TENNIS

MOSCOW: Soviet Open tournament: Men's singles: Final: Kim Son Ho (N Kor) bt Chu En Chol (N Korea), 21-17, 21-19, 21-16. Women's singles: Final: Tao Hadun (China) bt Fen Chubin (China), 21-16, 21-9, 21-15. Men's doubles: Final: B Rosenberg and I Podnosov (USSR) bt A and D Mazunov (USSR), 21-18, 21-9. Women's doubles: Final: Fen Chubin and Li Isyaokyse (China) bt Li Baoie and Tao Hadun (China), 15-21, 21-15, 21-18.

CRICKET

SYDNEY, Australia: Sheffield Shield: Scores after third day: Queensland 210 and 345 for six dec (R Kerr 107, A Border 101). New South Wales 139 and 83 (C McDermott seven for 54). Queensland won by 333 runs. Melbourne: Western Australia 291. Victoria 431 for four (D Whatmore 127, P Young 93 n.o., M Quinn 81, A Dodemaide 71 n.o.).

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bedford 0, Westcliff 1; Broxbourne 1, Harleston Magpies 1; Bury St Edmunds 0, Old Loughtonians 7; Cambridge City 1, Bluebarris 0; Chelmsford 1, Peterborough Town 1; Colchester 1, Ipswich 0; Ford 1, Bishops Stortford 0; West Herts 1, Norfolk Wanderers 0.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Fareham 2, Old Tauntonians 2; Gore Court 1, Havant 2; Indian Gymkhana 7, Amersham 1; Lewes 0, Winchester 1; Oxford Hawks 0, Anchorians 0; Trojans 0, East Grinstead 1; Tunbridge Wells 1, Canterbury 2. Regional leagues: Hants/Surrey: Epsom 0, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 1; Met Police 2, Chichester 4; Nat West Bank 2, Fleet 0, Woking 1, Barnes 1. Sunday: Woking 1, Merton 1. Kent/Sussex: Crawley 0, Penguins 0, Oxted 1, Old Whitgiftians 2; Herne Bay 2, Middleton 1; Lloyds Bank 1, Old Bordenians 0; Mid-Sussex 2, Old Williamsonians 2; Rochester and Gillingham 3, Maidstone 3; Thames Poly 0, Marden Russets 4; Tonbridge 0, Gravesend 4. Sunday: Herne Bay 3, Tonbridge 2. Old Beccehamians 1, Folkestone Optimists 0. Middx, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: British Airways 1, Marlow 3; City of Oxford 3, Hendon 0; Old Merchant Taylors 1, NPL 1; Sunbury 3, Bracknell 1, Witney 6, Gerrards Cross 0. Sunday: OMT 1, NPL 1.

MIDDLESEX CUP: Second Round: NPL 2, WLIHE 0.

WOMENS' ASDA CLUB LEAGUE: Ealing 3, Bracknell 0; Portsmouth 0, Wimbledon 1; Southampton 0, Winchmore Hill 0; Slough 7, Chelsea College 0.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Guildford 2, Spencer 0. League: Beckenham 4, Hawks 0; Bromley 1, Blackheath 0; Cambridge University 3, Mid Surrey 2; Dulwich 3, Richmond 1; Hampstead 0, Oxford University 0; London University 0, Teddington 1; Maidenhead 1, Hounslow 0; Old Kingstonians 0, Wimbledon 0; Purley 0, Tulse Hill 0; St Albans 11, Cheam 0, Southgate 6, Surbiton 0.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham 2, Bristol 1; Exeter Crickets 0, Whitehorse West Wilts 1; Exeter University 1, CS Bath Buccaneers 2; Isca 4, Firebrands 0; Taunton Vale 3, Plymouth 0, Marlborough 0, Brean 3. Hereford v Gloucester City, postponed.

TIPPEX YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 2, Ramgharia 4; Doncaster 1, Harrogate 0; Farsley 1, Sheffield 3, Grimsby 1, Huddersfield 0; Lincoln 0, Welton 9; Wakefield 3, Halifax 0; York 5, Appleby Frodingham 0.

NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Alderley Edge 1, Warrington 2; Bowdon 2, Liverpool Sefton 2, Brooklands 1, Southport 0, Hightown 3, St Anne's 3; Macclesfield v Preston, postponed.

SHOW JUMPING

BRUSSELS: Volvo World Cup qualifying event: 1, Jappeloup (P Durand, Fr), 4 in 27.63sec; 2, Larry (G Nuti, Italy), 4 in 28.2; 3, Everest Raper (E Edgar, GB), 4 in 33.05. Other British: 5, Towerlands Anglezarke (M Pyrah) ret final jump-off. Overall positions: 1, W-J Van der Schans (Neth), 50pts, 2, P Durand (Fr), 40; 3, E Edgar (GB), 36; equal 4, M Pyrah (GB), 27, J-C Vangeenberghe (Belg), 27.

ICE SKATING

KUSHIRO, Japan: International tournament: Ice dance: Final positions: 1, N Beslemanova and A Bukin (USSR), 1.2; 2, S Lliapina and G Sur (USSR), 2.4; 3, S Wynne and J Druar (US), 4.2. British: 5, S Jones and P Askham, 6.0. Pairs: Final positions: 1, E Lenova and G Krasnitsky (USSR), 1.8pts; 2, G Wachsman and T Waggoner (US), 2.4; 3, K Keeley and J Mero (US), 4.2. Men: Final positions: 1, C Bowman (US), 2.2pts; 2, P Wylie (US), 2.4; 3, M Kano (Jap), 3.8. Women: Final positions: 1, K Witt (EG), 2.2pts; 2, M Ito (Jap), 2.4; 3, T Harding (US), 3.8.

REAL TENNIS

GEORGE WIMPEY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Hampton Court: Men's singles: Second round (unattached unless stated): P Brake (Seacourt) bt I Snell, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; A Page bt M Dean, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 0-6, 6-5; A Davis (Moreton Morrell) bt C Ennis, 5-5, 5-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; F Willis (Manchester) bt S Ronaldson (Canford), 6-2, 6-1, 6-5. Doubles: First round: W Davies (New York) and L Deuchard (Melbourne) bt D Johnson (Queens) and G Parsons, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. Brake and C Bray (Seacourt) bt Davis and D Sim, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; C Lumley and J Snow bt D Colquhoun and N Pendrigh, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; N Cripps (Eton) and P Tabley (Melbourne) bt Page and Snell, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2; J Cook and M Hayward (Hampton Court) bt Ennis and Willis, 6-0, 6-5, 2-6, 5-6, 6-3; C Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and M Dean bt A Oliver (Oxford) and M Eadie (Oxford), 6-1, 6-1, 6-0. Holyport: Women's singles: First qualifying round: K Tucker bt E Mason, 1-5, 6-1, 6-2; J Vaughan bt G Dunkley, 6-0, 6-3; A Gardiner bt W Farrington, 6-5, 6-3. Second round: P Danby bt A Bernard, 6-0, 6-1; V McDonald bt V Mason, 6-0, 6-1; J Page bt S McGivern, 6-0, 6-0. 1 Tuffnell bt C Dixon, 6-3, 6-1; F Macintosh bt G Stewart, 6-1, 6-1; P Wilson bt C George, 6-3, 6-1, S Newsom bt J Tondut, 6-1, 6-3; L Barnfield bt H Joyner, 6-1, 6-2; M Pigeon bt V Dawes, 6-0, 6-4; E David bt D Siderstopf, 6-2, 6-3; R Lake bt F Syson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; F Brown bt M Henderson-Tew, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; E Woodthorpe bt J Triggs, 6-0, 6-1; B White w.o. R Lugtra; C Armstrong-Smith bt Tucker, 6-1, 6-0, Vaughan bt Gardiner, 6-2, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Leigh Miners 12, Woolston 7; Pilkington 14, Millom 14.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Scottish Farm 2, Krystal Kleer 3; MIM Livingston 3, Team Fife 0; Glasgow Gregg 3, Team A-Plant 2; Kinleith Plant 2, East Kilbride 3, Bellshill Cardinal 1, Dundee Kirkton 3. Women: First division: Scottish Farm 3, Larbert 0; Carluke 3, Inverclyde 1; Glasgow Bannerman 1, Wheatsheaf Jets 3; Strathkelvin 0, Kyle 3.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL KNOCKOUT CUP: Men: Cranford 0, Speedwell Rucanor 3; Bradford Mynhbreakers 2, Dragonara Leeds 3; L Y C Cardiff 0, Staffordshire Moorlands 3; Arsenal Roundwood 0, Liverpool City 3, Time Out Spark 3, Poloma 0, Star Aquila 3, Atlas Wessex 0; Bracknell 3, Sheffield City Poly 0; Malory CLC 3, Redwood Lodge 1. Women: Sale 3, Portsmouth 1; Stark 3, Southgate 0; Colchester 3, Essex Estonians 1; Ashcombe 3, Birmingham A 1; Arsenal Brittania 3, Dargonara Leeds 0; Team Leicester Sound 1, Ipswich 3.

RACKETS

CLIFTON: Tyzack Professionals' Challenge: First leg: S Hazell (Clifton) bt N Smith (Queen's), 6-15, 15-5, 15-12, 17-15, 15-1.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: London: Third division south-east: Old Beccehamians 13, Crawley 6; Tunbridge Wells 18, East Grinstead 18.

DERBYSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Derby 49, Belper 9; Matlock 42, Dronfield 10.

ESSEX CUP: Fourth round: Chelmsford 21, Campion 15; Southend 41, London Hospital 0; Thurrock 3, Woodford 6.

HERTFORDSHIRE PRESIDENT'S CUP: Second round: Letchworth 3, Hitchin 3 (Hitchin win on away team rule).

GIROBANK KENT CUP: Second round: Betteshanger 17, Old Gravesendians 8.

MIDDLESEX CUP: Second round: London Cornish 15, Osterley 4. Third round: Hampstead 3, Hackney 24; Old Meadonians 7, Old Gaytonians 0 (abandoned after 32 mins: fog).

COUNTY UNDER-21 MATCH: Sussex 9, Surrey 12 (at Horsham RFC).

MIDLAND COUNTIES COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Final round: North Midlands 15, Staffordshire 7.

CLUB MATCHES: Beckenham 15, East London 0; New Ash Green 25, Ashford 0; Redengensians 4, Reading 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ampleforth 58, South Yorkshire Schools 0; Felsted 6, St Edmund's, Ware 4.

TENNIS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil: Sul America Open tournament: Finals: Men's singles: A Agassi (US) bt L Mattar (Br), 7-6, 6-2. Men's doubles: E Sanchez and S Casal (Sp) bt J Lozano (Mex) and D Perez (Urug), 6-2, 6-2.

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida: Stakes Match round-robin tournament (first to 15 points): Second day: J McEnroe (US) bt P Cash (Aus), 15-12; S Edberg (Swe) bt I Lendl (Cz), 15-4; Lendl bt Cash, 15-11; Edberg bt McEnroe, 18-16; Edberg bt Cash, 15-7; Lendl bt McEnroe, 15-13. Overall positions: 1, Lendl; 2, Cash; 3, Edberg; 4, McEnroe.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, West Germany: Young Masters tournament: Men's singles: final: T Muster (Austria) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

MUNICH: Men's grand prix tournament: Semi-finals: L Shiras (US) bt M Dickson (US), 6-3, 6-2; D Nargiso (It) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.

BRAMHALL: Royal Bank of Scotland 16-and-under tournament: Semi-finals: Boys' singles: A Livermore (Lancashire) bt N Adams (Essex), 1-6, 7-5, 7-6; A Foster (Staffordshire) bt G Gibson (Dorset), 6-3, 6-2. Final: Livermore bt Foster, 7-6 6-1. Girls' singles: S Bentley (Lincolnshire) bt E Woodhouse (Buckinghamshire), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; A Sorkin (Shropshire) bt C Herbert (Hertfordshire), 7-5, 6-3. Final: Bentley bt Sorkin 7-5 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL) (Saturday's games): Detroit Red Wings 3, Boston Bruins 2; New York Islanders 5, New York Rangers 4; Washington Capitals 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 5; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Quebec Nordiques 3; Hartford Whalers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Montreal Canadiens 7, Winnipeg Jets 3; Minnesota North Stars 6, St Louis Blues 4; Calgary Flames 8, Los Angeles Kings 4; Hartford Whalers 4, Buffalo Sabres 2; Detroit Red Wings 6, St Louis Blues 0. Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Washington Capitals 2, Minnesota North Stars 4, Montreal Canadiens 2. Edmonton Oilers 4, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Vancouver Canucks 4, New Jersey Devils 2.

BOARD SAILING

BEWL VALLEY: Carlsberg Cooler Team championship: 1, Colne Valley; 2, Bewl Valley; 3, Willow Park. Individuals positions: 1, J Byworth (Colne Valley); 2, T Williams (Burghfield); 3, S Blake (Queen Mary).

SWIMMING

TORONTO: Short-course meeting: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, G Vandermeulen (Can), 1min 47.59sec; 2, V Tayanovich (USSR), 1:48.44, 3, S Goss (Can), 1:49.65. 100m breaststroke: 1, V Davis (Can), 1:02.10; 2, D Volkov (USSR), 1:02.38, 3, S Lopez (Sp), 1:02.59. 100m backstroke: 1, S Zabolotnov (USSR), 55.74sec; 2, M Tewksbury (Can), 55.91; 3, G Anderson (Can), 56.31. 100m butterfly: 1, M Gery (Can), 53.36; 2, D Halsall (Switz), 53.64; 3, T Ponting (Can), 53.65. 400m individual medley: 1, V Yaroschuk (USSR), 4min 19.21sec; 2, M Meldrum (Can), 4:22.35; 3, S Lopez (Sp), 4:23.04. 200m freestyle relay: 1, Canada, 1:30.38; 2, Soviet Union, 1.30.86; 3, US, 1.33.36. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, M Wayte (US), 1:58.47; 2, J Kerr (Can), 2:00.06; 3, K Linehan (US), 2:02.03. 100m breaststroke: 1, E Dendeberova (USSR), 1.08.34; 2, A Higson (Can), 1:09.52; 3, G Clouber (Can), 1:10.69. 100m backstroke: 1, K Linehan (US), 1:02.33; 2, L Loveless (US), 1:03.17; 3, L Melien (Can), 1:03.58. 100m butterfly: 1, Svetlana Kopchikova (USSR), 1:02.05; 2, J Kerr (Can), 1:02.69; 3, K Warth (US), 1 02.75. 400m individual medley: 1, E Dendeberova (USSR), 4:42.28; 2, K Helmstaedt (Can), 4:46.51; 3, C Teskey (Can), 4:54.48. 200m freestyle relay: 1, Canada, 1.45.07; 2, US, 1:45.49; 3, Soviet Union, 1.45.85.

COVENTRY: Esso Inter-County knock-out competition: Final: 1, Yorkshire, 232pts; 2, Lancashire, 217; 3, Essex 216; 4, Cheshire, 197; 5, Kent, 173; 6, Warwickshire, 161; 7, Devon, 132, 8, Lincolnshire, 116.

MOTOR SPORT

KYALAMI, South Africa: Sportscar race: 1, J Mass (WG), Porsche, 1hr 48min 56.1sec; 2, R Wollek (Fr), Porsche, 1:49 10.3; 3, S van der Merwe (SA), Porsche, 1:50:31.5

JAKARTA: Indonesian rally (960 miles): 1, K Gormley (GB) and J Bosch (Neth), Audi Quattro; 2, C Ham Wiano and R Gelael (Indo), Ford TX3; 3, C Halim and I Suroso (Indo).

SKIING

SESTRIERE, Italy: World Cup: Giant slalom: Men: 1, A Tomba (It), 2min 19.51sec; 2, I Stenmark (Swe), 2:19.60; 3, J Gaspoz (Switz), 2.19.77; 4, H Mayer (Austria), 2:20.16; 5, I Camozzi (It), 2:21.31, 6, F Worndl (WG), 2:21.37; 7, B Gstrein (Austria), 2:21.39; 8, H Enn (Austria), 2:21.56, 9, R Pramotton (It), 2:21.71, 10, H Pieren (Switz), 2:21.87; 11, M Hangl (Switz), 2:21.94, 12, M Tonazzi (It), 2:22.02; 13, R Erlacher (It), 2:22.12; 14, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:22.15; 15, J Nilsson (Swe), 2:22.57. Leading overall positions: 1, Tomba, 50pts, 2, Nilsson, 21; 3, Stenmark, 20; =4, Gaspoz, Mader, 15, 6, Pramotton, 14. Women: Super-giant slalom: 1, S Wolf (Austria), 1min 16.54sec; 2, M Svet, (Yug), 1:16.69; 3, S Eder (Austria), 1:17.70; 4, M Gerg, (WG), 1:17.71; 5, D Compagnoni (It), 1:17.85; 6, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:17.92; 7, E Thys (US), 1.17.93; 8, C Kinshofer-Guetlein (WG), 1:18.09; 9, T Haecher (WG), 1.18 13; 10, V Schneider (Switz), 1:18.16; 11, E Kirchler (Austria), 1.18.24; 12, R Mosenlechner (WG), 1:18.25; 13, M Kiehl (WG), 1.18.29; 14, K Lee (Can), 1.18.34; 15, A Wachter (Austria), 1:18.38. British: 50, W Lumby, 1.20.85; 76, I Grant, 1.24.10; 81, C Booth, 1.26.33. Leading overall positions: 1, Svet, 40 pts, 2, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 35; 3, S Wolf (Austria), 25; 4, Schneider, 21, 5, Kinshofer-Guetlein, 20; 6, Eder, 15. Super-giant slalom positions: 1, Wolf, 25pts; 2, Svet, 20; 3, Eder, 15.

NETBALL

WEMBLEY: Women's international match: England 40, West Indies 45.

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England excuses are bad augury for Tests to come

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Lahore

As was inevitable, Peter Lush's statement last Friday evening, insinuating that Pakistan's umpires were cheating, has led to a war of words. When Pakistan won the first Test match here on Saturday by an innings and 87 runs, with eight and a half hours to spare, the England camp was still gnawing away at the umpiring.

Yet, bad as it undoubtedly was, one-sided as it seemed and deeply as the whole party felt about it, it was not the umpiring which sent England to defeat so much as Pakistan's vastly superior cricket. That we are prepared to believe otherwise augurs poorly for the two remaining Test matches — in Faisalabad a week today and Karachi on December 16.

Having cast some quite outrageous slurs upon more than one English umpire on Pakistan's tour of England last summer, for which he was properly rebuked, Haseeb Ahsan, manager of the Pakistan team, has now been given the chance to get his own back, and he is having a field day.

"Whenever India and Pakistan beat a visiting side here," he said, shameless as ever, "the losers immediately blame the umpires." Lush's was not a statement but an "outburst". In England the TCCB "by *bringing confidential matters* into the open tried to demoralize Pakistan and rob them of their due credit".

Ijaz Butt, secretary of the Pakistan board, is to "take the matter up with the TCCB and put up the issue at the International Cricket Conference".

In a thinly veiled allusion to Broad, who stood his ground when given out on Friday, Javed Miandad, the Pakistan captain and a firebrand if ever there was one, said that "although most of the umpiring decisions went against us in England our players never misbehaved". The song and dance which Abdul Qadir made when he was given out at the end of Pakistan's innings on Friday was conveniently forgotten.

So the papers are full of sanctimony. Of course they are, because England have surrendered the high moral ground. Gatting was quite right to wonder why none of Pakistan's three World Cup umpires stood in the first Test. *He is quite right, too, as they* all are, to be very cross that for the second Test match running they have been handed the umpires for Faisalabad rather than had them submitted for consideration. That is typically disingenuous of the Pakistan board.

The umpires concerned, Khizar Hayat and Shakoor Rana, have both been at the centre of controversies involving touring sides. On one occasion, when Shakoor was standing, New Zealand threatened to leave the field and abandon their tour because, like England, they thought they were not getting a fair deal. In the same series Khizar was subjected to an official inquiry by the Pakistan board after allegations by New Zealand of biased decisions.

If Lush intends to make representations on their appointment, as I imagine he well may, he is issuing no statement this time. The time to hold forth in public is at the end of the tour, and then more in sorrow than anger, and with a pledge that when England come here again they will accept Pakistan's suggestion to have neutral umpires.

After England had lost on Saturday, and with the managers in tacit attendance, Gatting described many of the umpiring decisions as "blatant" — not just blatantly incompetent, but, by implication, deliberately so. If Pakistan were given any credit for their victory, I never heard it. It is a bad sign when sides dwell upon excuses, however easily they may come to hand.

It was Qadir who decided this first Test, as he did when England suffered their only *previous defeat in Pakistan.* That, too, was on a pitch prepared to suit him, but he did it by bowling of a rare quality.

In terms of control and presentation he thought his first 15 overs last Wednesday were the best he had ever bowled, which means they were as good as anything a wrist spinner can do. Only Gatting in England's second innings and Broad in the first looked remotely secure against him, and I am not sure that even they were confident of "reading" him.

With Qadir in their side (not restricted, as he was in the one-day internationals, to bowling only a handful of overs) and two good finger spinners in support of him, Pakistan may feel they can afford another turning pitch in Faisalabad. Even with the archangel Gabriel umpiring at one end and Allah at the other, they would have to start favourites.

Many years ago — in 1951, in fact — we were joined on the voyage home from Australia by George Tribe, who boarded in Bombay after touring India with a Commonwealth side. In the previous English summer, Sonny Ramadhin had bamboozled England's batsmen when it came to telling which way the ball would turn.

In India he had been relatively unsuccessful, simply because batsmen unable to read him out of the hand could do so in the air, the light being so good that the spin of the ball could be clearly seen. There are plenty of local leg-spinners keen to bowl at the nets, should England want to try it.

The 130 which England finished with in their second innings on Saturday equalled their lowest total against Pakistan. If it is any consolation to Gatting's side, when Fazal Mahmood bowled England out for the same score at the Oval in 1954, the first five in the batting order were Hutton, Simpson, May, Compton and Graveney, and they, too, would have had trouble with Qadir here, fine players as they were of spin bowling and although in those days there were dozens of wrist spinners for every one there is today.

Fazal, by the way, is still very much in evidence, those incongruously blue eyes sharp enough to miss very few tricks.

The total attendance for the four days of the first Test match has not been revealed, though I doubt whether it was many more than a paltry 20,000. In Delhi, too, where West Indies beat India yesterday, the mania for one-day cricket took its toll of the crowds, the ground there seldom being much more than a quarter full.

TCCB appeal to play it cool

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, commenting on the umpiring in Lahore, said: "I wouldn't call it a crisis, certainly not at this stage. It is a time for remaining cool and not over-reacting. Two or three months ago we agreed with the Pakistan board to have neutral umpires in this series. The Pakistanis asked for Tony Crafter, of Australia, and Steve Woodward, of New Zealand, but their respective boards would not release them."

The TCCB has opposed neutral umpires in international cricket. Only Pakistan have so far employed them in home Tests. "The TCCB is always flexible and if a case for neutral umpires were to be established we would consider it," Smith said.

SCOREBOARD FROM LAHORE

England won toss

ENGLAND

First Innings: 175 (Abdul Qadir 9-56).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Ashraf b Qasim	15	-	2	63	42
B C Broad c Ashraf b Qasim	13	-	1	35	36
R T Robinson lbw b Qadir	1	-	-	3	2
*M W Gatting lbw b Qadir	23	-	1	131	114
C W J Athey c Ashraf b Tauseef	2	-	-	46	48
†B N French lbw b Qadir	9	-	2	33	34
D J Capel c Miandad b Qadir	0	-	-	17	16
P A J DeFreitas c Tauseef b Qasim	15	1	-	56	52
J E Emburey not out	38	-	4	90	90
N A Foster c sub (Akram Raza) b Tauseef	1	-	-	13	12
N G B Cook b Tauseef	5	-	-	28	30
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8				
Total (79.2 overs)	130				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-24, 3-38, 4-43, 5-66, 6-70, 7-73, 8-105, 9-116.

BOWLING: Akram 2-0-6-0; Mudassar 1-0-4-0; Qadir 36-14-45-4; Tauseef 20.2-7-28-3; Qasim 20-10-39-3.

PAKISTAN

First Innings: 392 (Mudassar Nazar 120, Javed Miandad 65).

Man of the Match: Abdul Qadir.

Umpires: Amanullah Khan and Shakeel Khan.

TESTS TO COME: Dec 7-12: Faisalabad (rest day: Thursday). Dec 16-21: Karachi (rest day: Saturday).

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THE FIELD

Two men at the centre of controversy: Gatting makes a point to Shakoor Rana, one of the umpires in the next Test match

Suspended fine a reality now

By Dennis Signy

Despite protestations from Bobby Gould, the manager, that his club is a marked team *because of an appalling* disciplinary record, Wimbledon face the possibilty of a record £5,000 fine from the Football Association.

With less than four months of the season gone, they have had three players dismissed — Gayle and Fairweather during the 1-1 draw at Chelsea on Saturday, and Young in the Littlewoods Cup tie against Rochdale — and 35 cautions.

Last season's misconduct — six sendings-off and 56 cautions — cost a record £4,500 in July, with a further £5,000 penalty suspended, pending the club's record this season.

In all competitions, Wimbledon, under Dave Bassett, the former manager, and now Gould, have had 28 players dismissed in seven seasons. The club has been summoned before FA disciplinary commissions for the past six summers.

During the draw at Chelsea, Gayle was dismissed by the referee, Ray Lewis, for swearing at a linesman after disputing a penalty award and Wimbledon were reduced to nine men when Fairweather was sent off for a foul minutes later after receiving a caution in the eighth minute.

Thorn, Young and Jones were shown yellow cards for fouls, and Sanchez was cau*tioned for dissent. Gould went* to the referee's dressing-room after the game to say that Wimbledon were "disappointed" with his performance.

"I honestly believe the game did not demand what went on," he said. "I feel with certain individuals in the game that things are pre-empted when Wimbledon are involved."

Gould added that he would take action on the red- and yellow-card cautions for his players from the referee. But *his criticism of Lewis's performance* is unfair. He admits Gayle swore at a linesman; Fairweather was sent off for a second bookable offence; Thorn, Young and Jones were cautioned for fouls and Sanchez for aiming a remark at a linesman.

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Sendings-off reach 113

Gordon Taylor, the players' union leader, hit out yesterday *at the increasing number of* elbow offences in football, and called on the FA to deduct points from clubs with the worst disciplinary records.

Taylor, alarmed by a weekend that saw 10 dismissals, said: "Referees and players have told me there are more elbows going in than ever before. There have been bad jaw injuries and that is a worry." The season's total of sendings-off stands at 113.

Davis and White lock in neck-and-neck final

by Steve Acteson

Steve Davis led Jimmy White by just one frame at 11-10 after the third session of their *superlative Tennents United* Kingdom snooker championship final in Preston last night, the quality of play fully reflecting their positions as the two top-ranked players in the game.

Davis was appearing in his seventh UK final in eight *seasons, having won five of* them, including the last three in succession. His fellow-Londoner, White, had never before figured in the climax to snooker's second most important tournament, with £70,000 awaiting the winner.

The standard was set from the opening frame on Saturday when Davis landed a clearance of 106. But White, who has beaten Davis only once in anything but a best-of-nine-frames affair, refused to be overwhelmed over the longer distance. *He replied with a withering run of* 91 in the second before serving up an electrifying total clearance of 139 in the fourth on his way to a 5-2 lead at the end of the first session. Davis struck back in kind on Saturday night, with breaks of 45, 30, 34, 107, 98 and 75 bringing him level at seven frames all.

Yesterday's dramas began two hours before play when the table fitter discovered that the match table had been vandalized during the night. Liquid had soaked the green baize, several balls had been stolen and a rest broken. The fitter replaced the cloth and the cushion in time for White to again be first off the mark by taking the opening two frames to lead 9-7.

Frames 17 and 18 then proved of vital importance. White led 36-5 in the 17th but lost position on a black and in trying to play safe let Davis in for breaks of 33 and then a 44 clearance to pink. Davis led 40-0 in the following game until a "kick" on the black gave White a chance to clear, but his run of 44 ended when he missed a simple green and Davis took his winning run to four frames in a row to lead 11-9 before White's break of 50 closed the gap once more.

RESULTS: Final (best of 31 frames): S Davis (Eng) leads J White (Eng), 11-10. Frame scores (Davis first): 112-20, 9-91, 56-77, 0-139, 53-74, 78-27, 32-77, 67-53, 84-14, 31-103, 107-13, 98-0, 5-107, 75-37, 19-83 16-67 82-36 58-44 64-5 73-0 16-75. Friday's late results: Semi-finals: Davis bt W Thorne (Eng), 9-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 85-25, 101-1, 79-1, 63-51, 79-8, 64-63, 68-31, 40-87, 8-82, 58-25, 65-51. White bt J Johnson (Eng), 9-4. Frame scores (White first): 81-22, 71-49, 0-134, 77-39, 48-63, 65-26, 99-0, 41-73, 76-0, 74-5, 14-79, 46-39, 69-40.

Williams makes the break

Rex Williams yesterday resigned from the board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), of which he has been chairman for 13 years (Steve Acteson writes). His letter to the annual meeting at Preston left snooker with the prospect of a split into rival factions.

Williams did not attend the meeting and his decision apparently "surprised" John Virgo, the vice-chairman, who will take on Williams's mantle until a new chairman is elected at a specially convened meeting in three weeks. The resignation had been the subject of widespread speculation and surprised virtually no one.

Williams's letter stated: "I regret making this decision but due to the pressures I have felt over the last 12 to 18 months and all my other business commitments, I feel that my health is being affected and therefore, in the best interests of my family, I have no alternative."

Those pressures were built from criticism of Williams's involvement with Barry Hearn's World Series as a commentator, with the WPBSA meanwhile planning four overseas ranking tournaments of their own next summer; his business connections with Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, who became chairman of Rex Williams Leisure plc on October 9; and his refusal to take a firmer line on drug-testing in snooker

Williams and Warren are contemplating building a management stable to rival Hearn's Matchroom and are interested in bidding for the promotion rights of the world championship in 1990 along with other groups, including Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

Doggart moves into limelight

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

George Doggart, an England colt of four years ago, has leapfrogged from the Cumbrian outpost of Aspatria into the North's XV to play London in the opening round of the Toshiba divisional championship at Otley on Saturday. Doggart, a scrum half, has ousted last season's England B cap, Holmes (Sheffield), to make his first appearance at this level.

He will be partnered by Andrew (Wasps), who is preferred at stand-off half to Williams, the reigning England No. 10. The other newcomer to divisional rugby is the mobile Waterloo hooker, Hackett, who joins his front-row colleague, Peters, in a side showing seven changes to that which completed last season's championship as winners.

With riches to choose from at centre and second row, the North's selectors watched the weekend county games keenly and not only saw Doggart outplay Holmes in the Yorkshire-Cumbria match but the Lancashire locks, Dooley and Kimmins, clean up in the lineout against Durham. In that match, however, last season's find, Carling, ensured a place at centre with an excellent game.

The North trained at Morley yesterday, watched by Geoff Cooke, the England team manager. Though Langford, the Orrell full back, and Macfarlane, Fylde's No. 8, missed Saturday's county programme because of injuries they both completed yesterday's session.

There will be scrummaging *at Sale today for the North's forwards, who will be led* against London by Cook, the Nottingham flanker

NORTH: S Langford (Orrell); M Harrison (Wakefield, capt), W Carling (Durham University), J Buckton (Saracens), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), G Doggart (Aspatria); M Whitcombe (Sale), P Hackett (Waterloo), S Peters (Waterloo), P Cook (Nottingham), W Dooley (Fylde), R Kimmins (Orrell), P Winterbottom (Headingley), A Macfarlane (Fylde). Replacements: P Williams (Orrell), D Holmes (Sheffield), C Dixon (Tynedale), M Fenwick (Durham City), D Cusani (Orrell), S Tipping (Sale).

Composed French win easily

Malmö, Sweden — France last night defeated The Netherlands to win the European women's team championship in Sweden (Barry Wood writes). Pascale Paradis beat Marcella Mesker 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, and Julie Halard won 6-2, 6-4 against Manon Bollegraf.

In the opening match, Miss Mesker led 5-4, serving for the second set after winning the first. She reached deuce, but after losing that game, conceded the next five.

The British team lost 2-1 to France in the semi-finals on Saturday. Sara Gomer won in *the singles.*

RESULTS: Final: France bt Netherlands 2-0: P Paradis bt M Mesker, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2: J Halard bt M Bollegraf, 6-2, 6-4. Third-place play-off: W Germany bt Czechoslovakia 2-1 (W German names first): W Probst bt J Pospisilova 6-3, 6-4; S Meier lost to J Novotna, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; C Porwik and Probst bt Novotna and Pospisilova, 6-0, 3-6, 7-5. Semi-finals: France bt England 2-1 (French names first): P Paradis bt A Hobbs, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; S Gomer bt M Galleja, 4-6, 6-3, 4-1 ret: Paradis and Galleja bt Hobbs and Gomer, 6-3, 6-4. Netherlands bt Sweden 2-1 (Dutch names first): Bollegraf lost to C Lindqvist, 6-3, 6-1; Mesker bt J Jonerup, 6-4, 6-4; Bollegraf and Mesker bt Lindqvist and M Lindstrom, 6-4, 6-3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

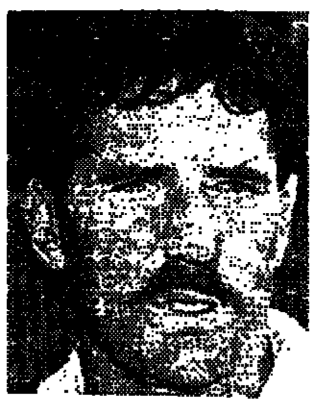
McGuigan returns

Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, wants to box again in the new year — as a junior-lightweight. He has asked the manager, Frank Warren, to arrange a bout in late January or early February.

McGuigan revealed his intentions to move up a division on a Dublin television show. He has not competed since losing his World Boxing Association title to Steve Cruz, of the United States, in 1986.

No change

Yorkshire, the defending champions, retained their Esso inter-county knock-out swimming title in Coventry yesterday.



Border: Century maker

Fifty not out

Newcastle (AP) — Allan Border, the Australian cricket captain, scored his fiftieth first-class century yesterday in leading Queensland to a 333-run win over New South Wales in a Sheffield Shield match. Border hit 101 runs, including 11 fours.

Gervacio wins

San Juan (AP) — Julio Gervacio, of the Dominican Republic, scored a unanimous decision on Saturday to beat Louie Espinoza, of the United States, for the World Boxing Association junior-featherweight title.

Net result

The West Indies chalked up their second victory over England yesterday in the third and final netball *match of their* three-international series. A 6,500 audience at Wembley arena saw the West Indians win 45-40.

Record intact

Mellor, the unbeaten North of England men's lacrosse League leaders, preserved their record by beating Hillcroft 7-4, and Kenton 13-7, on their visit to the South this weekend.

Tomba's power carries him to second victory

Sestriere (Reuter) — Alberto Tomba, aged 20, of Italy, won his second successive World Cup race when he swept to victory in the men's giant slalom here in Italy on Sunday.

He skied the two legs of the 34-gate course in 2min 19.51sec.

Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, the slalom specialist, was second in 2min 19.60sec and Joel Gaspoz, of Switzerland, third in 2min 19.77sec.

Tomba, nicknamed "the beast" because of his burly physique and extraordinary strength, recovered brilliantly after losing his balance early in the first leg. His efforts over the final few hundred metres earned him third place, in 1min 12.21sec.

The Italian, who leads the overall World Cup standings after winning the first slalom race of the season here three days ago, finished the second leg in falling snow and poor visibility in 1min 07.30sec.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, the overall World Cup title-holder, managed only 23rd place, 4.49sec behind the leader.

On Saturday, *Sigrid Wolf,* of Austria, won the first women's super-giant slalom race of the season, beating Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, by 0.05sec over the two legs. It was Wolf's first World Cup victory in Europe, although last season she won two downhill races in Colorado. Sylvia Eder, of Austria, was third.

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END COLUMN

Sheffield awarded Student Games

By John Goodbody

In a momentous decision for the future and development of British sport, Sheffield is to stage the 1991 World Student Games; the largest, and, many would say, the most important, multi-event competition outside the Olympics.

To the city's delight, and surprise at the timing of the decision, 29 members of the executive committee of the International Student Sports Federation (FISU) announced on Saturday that Sheffield would entertain more than 7,000 competitors in 12 different sports.

Hosting the biennial event is significant for Britain for several reasons. First, the overall £100 million investment will provide the city with permanent sports facilities that can be used for the community and for generations of international competitors.

***It will* also give Britain the chance of rectifying the catastrophe of the ill-fated 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.**

Finally, a successful staging of the Games will provide further support for Birmingham in its bid for the 1996 Olympics.

FISU, the international governing body of university sport, had been expected to make the decision at the next meeting of the executive in Algiers next May. But a 15-minute video presentation in Sheffield on Saturday, plus the city's evident enthusiasm for the idea and the lack of any other definite candidate, brought an immediate decision.

Primo Nebiolo, the Italian president of FISU and also the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, had appeared earlier in the year to be stalling, possibly to see if Turin would present its candidature. But on Saturday he was fulsome in his praise for the city, saying the committee was "extremely impressed" with the plan.

FISU has always had a policy of selecting host cities that will benefit from improved facilities and not just picking the country where stadiums are ready-made. Sheffield begins with little, except well-researched plans.

Nebiolo: Fulsome in praise

Phillips and Drew, the international stockbroker, has been advising on finance, and Keith Prowse has been employed to look for sponsors. Both companies would not attach their names to a venture unless they were confident of its success.

Most of the £80 million needed for the new facilities will come from the private sector. This includes the swimming and diving complex at Ponds Forge, which will cost £31 million. There will also be an indoor events arena capable of seating more than 1,200

The all-weather athletics track at Woodburn Road has already been installed, though it arrived too late for Sheffield's most celebrated athlete, Sebastian Coe, to benefit in his formative years.

Now a decision will have to be made on the size of the stands. If the capacity exceeds 20,000, the arena will surely threaten Crystal Palace.

Sports centres in the neighbouring towns of Barnsley and Doncaster should also be available by 1991, and the Football League clubs in the region have agreed that their facilities can be used. The Games Village will be based at the Hyde Park complex which will be renovated and subsequently used for the housing of young people.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, emphasized at a dinner on Friday that the Government could not offer additional resources or relax the controls it operates on local authority spending.

But because the Government is committed to the *regeneration* of inner cities, then money will be provided for the city, although often not directly, for the staging of events.

Sheffield will certainly need every bit of financial and administrative support it can get if the Games are to be the success that is essential not just for the future of Sheffield but for British sport.

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